



Austria - Across Austria from Innsbruck to Vienna Bicycle Tour 2023
Self-Guided Tour
13 Days / 12 Nights



You can experience three of the most famous river cycle paths in Austria up close on this cycle holiday. Start comfortably on the Inn cycle path and admire the towering Nordkette mountains. In the Zillertal valley you only make a short stop because the largest waterfalls in Europe are already waiting for you in Salzburg's Pinzgau region. The popular Tauern cycle path leads you via Lake Zeller See initially into world-famous Salzburg and then onwards to Passau. Here you will meet the river Inn again and of course the Danube. She will accompany you further across Austria to imperial Vienna. Marvellous scenery, culinary delicacies, traditional customs and high culture – a cycle tour could not be more diverse!

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Innsbruck

Welcome meeting and distribution of rental bikes. The renowned historic centre, the 'Golden Roof' or the Bergisel ski jump are world-famous tourist attractions.



Day 2: Innsbruck – Strass/Zillertal - Valley 50 km

Accompanied by the towering Nordkette Mountains situated above the salt works town of Hall with its historic Münzerturm tower to Wattens. Here you can visit the enchanting Swarovski World of Crystals. Along the Inn cycle path past Schwaz (Silver tourist mine) to the 'cyclists' village' of Strass situated at the entrance of the Zillertal valley.

Day 3: Strass/Zillertal - Valley – Krimml 25 - 45 km + transfer

With a view onto the fascinating mountain backdrop of the Zillertaler Hauptkamm with its mountain giants featuring altitudes of more than 3000 metres it is very enjoyable to cycle along the Zillertal cycle path all the way to Zell, or even a bit further into the renowned Mayrhofen. In the early afternoon you take the transfer bus via the Gerlospass to Krimml. Already during this transfer you get to marvel at Europe's largest waterfalls, which you can afterwards also admire 'live' along a high-altitude path.

Day 4: Krimml – Kaprun/Zell am See 60 km

Today's route leads you through the Hohe Tauern national park and the Oberpinzgau region. En route you are constantly accompanied by snow-covered three thousand metre high peaks. Lush green meadows and cozy little villages take turns and offer a fairy-tale backdrop. In Kaprun you can then visit the high-mountain reservoirs.



Day 5: Kaprun/Zell am See – Lofer 50 km

We highly recommend you go for a refreshing swim in Lake Zeller See, athletic cyclists can add on an extra loop. Via Maria Alm featuring the renowned pilgrimage church you quickly reach Saalfelden, where you enjoy your lunch break. Other highlights en route to Lofer are the Seisenberg ravine and the Lamorechtshöhe peak near Weißbach.

Day 6: Lofer – Salzburg 50 km

During today's tour you always cycle in the tranquil Saalachtal valley. Bad Reichenhall situated in the small 'deutsches Eck' will enchant you with Bavarian flair. Now only a short while and you have reached the Mozart city of Salzburg. The culture rich offerings will amaze you. Please leave plenty of time for a stroll through the historic centre and plan a visit to Mozart's birthplace.

Day 7: Salzburg – Burghausen 60 km

Oberndorf with its 'Silent Night Chapel' and extensive alluvial forests lead you to Tittmoning. From here you follow the 'Nature Adventure Trail Unterer Inn' until you reach Burghausen. A splendid historic centre and the largest castle complex in Central Europe are the most significant attractions of the town.



Day 8: Burghausen – Schärding 70 km

The Gothic town of Braunau and numerous bird colonies show the way to Obernberg. Reichersberg Abbey invites for a visit. The little towns along the river Inn appear just like pearls and without doubt one of them is the Baroque town of Schärding with its renowned row of colourful houses called 'Silberzeile'.

Day 9: Schärding – Danube River Loop 55 km

Along the river Inn into the 'city of three rivers' Passau. We recommend a city tour including a visit to the cathedral, home of the largest church organ in the world. Along the river Danube you cycle via Obernzell and Engelhartzell featuring the only Trappist monastery in Austria through the Donauleiten nature reserve to the 'Schlögenger Schlinge' river loop. A short ferry ride takes you across the Danube to the hotel.

Day 10: Danube River Loop – Enns/Surroundings 70 km

The renowned Danube river loop is one of the many highlights of this cycle holiday. The market towns along the river Danube Aschach, Ottensheim and Wilhering lead you into the provincial capital Linz. Along the lines of: 'In Linz it all begins' numerous venues in the historic centre invite you for a break. You continue to Enns, into Austria's oldest town featuring the town square and tower and the town museum 'Lauriacum'.

Day 11: Enns/Surroundings – Marbach/Maria Taferl 65 km

Again today you cycle along the river Danube into the glorious little Baroque town of Grein. Here you need to visit the theatre, the maritime museum and Greinburg castle. Through the once feared Strudengau you cycle into the Weinviertel area to Marbach or Maria Taferl featuring the pilgrimage church situated high above the Danube.

Day 12: Marbach/Maria Taferl – Vienna 55 km + train ride

Melk Abbey greets you and makes a big impression before the marvellous Wachau region with the romantic little wine towns Weißenkirchen, Dürnstein and Krems enchants you. By train you continue into the capital Vienna offering a multitude of sights.

Day 13: Departure or Extension



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Easy. Mainly cycle paths in the river valleys of Inn, Ziller, Salzach, Saalach and Danube. Occasionally gently hilly route with short ascents, also on nature paths. You cycle on wonderful cycle paths and small side roads, main roads only on short sections.

Distance: 610 - 630 km

Travel Season: Departures Saturdays and Sundays from April 29 to October 7, 2023

Season 1: April 29 – May 12 and September 30 – October 7

Season 2: May 13 – May 26 and September 9 – September 29

Season 3: May 27 – September 8

**Price per Person:**

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 1499.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 1599.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 1699.00
Surcharge Single Occupancy	€ 469.00
Rental Hybrid Bike Plus (including insurance)	€ 279.00
Rental Electric Bike (including insurance)	€ 399.00
Extra Nights Innsbruck Double Occupancy B&B	€ 79.00
Extra Nights Innsbruck Single Occupancy B&B	€ 114.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Double Occupancy B&B Season 1 + 2	€ 85.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 99.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Single Occupancy B&B Season 1 + 2	€ 144.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Single Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 158.00
Extra Nights Vienna Double Occupancy B&B	€ 69.00
Extra Nights Vienna Single Occupancy B&B	€ 118.00

Accommodation:

Category: 3* and 4* hotels

Included:

- 12 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Excellently planned routes
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room (route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers)
- 1 bus transfer Zell am Ziller – Krimml including your bike
- 1 train ride Krems – Wien including your bike
- App for navigation and GPS data is available
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Local taxes payable locally
- Ferry ride Schlägener Schlinge approximately EUR 5 per person including your bike

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Bikes



Hybrid Bike

Rental Bike Plus allows for a slightly sportier sitting posture, 27 gears offer the highest flexibility and a high quality Suntour suspension fork provides the best possible comfort across all surfaces.

Available in 63/60/56-51 sloping/46 cm sizes

Also includes Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



Electric Bike

You need no driver's license, the electric bike assists up to a speed of 25 km/h. The handling is easy and manageable after a short explanation. These bikes are supported through an electric motor that is fixed in the bottom bracket. The supply of energy takes place through a removable battery, which permits a reach of 120-180 kilometers.

Sizes: 56/51/46/46 "xs" cm