

# Kat's Great Adventures

**Austria - Adria Alpe Cycle Path 1 from Salzburg to Villach Bicycle Tour 2023**  
**Self-Guided Tour**  
**7 Days / 6 Nights**



A diversified bike tour with a start in the Mozart town of Salzburg leads you through the lovely Salzach valley, the wild romantic Gasteiner valley and the idyllic Drau valley to Villach, which is located in the sunny heart of Carinthia. A tour for real epicures, always accompanied from the great mountain range of the Alps, this route leads on comfortable tours towards the south of Austria. And it offers fascinating impressions, scenic highlights and culinary tastings. Those who cycle from Salzburg to Villach see and explore more: more river romance and great waterfalls, more picturesque old cities and old fortresses, more steep mountain peaks and deep canyons and of course more Salzburger Nockerl and Carinthian cheese dumplings! So, what are you waiting for? Follow the scenic, cultural, architectural and culinary tastings from Salzburg to Carinthia!

## Itinerary Day to Day

### **Day 1: Arrival in Salzburg**

Individual arrival to the Mozart town of Salzburg. Winding alleyways and squares are inviting for a stroll. You should visit a typical café to taste some Austrian delicacies. With every step you breathe in culture and history. Stroll through Getreidegasse, discover Mozart's birth house or take your time for some shopping. In the afternoon distribution of rental bikes.



### **Day 2: Salzburg – Golling 30 km**

Your bike tour starts in Salzburg and you continue through the shady Salzach lowlands along the river. You cycle to Hallein, which was due to its excavation of salt a rich Celtic city in former times. Hallein impresses with its romantic old city, small alleyways, gates and precious houses. The main attraction is the popular Celtic museum. Along the river you reach the waterfall, the beautiful market square and the fortress from 13<sup>th</sup> century in Golling. If you want to extend your tour you can make a tour through romantic valley Bluntautal.

### **Day 3: Golling – St. Johann 35 km**

From Golling up to Lueg Pass, enjoy the views onto the beautiful mountain range. You will even not notice the slight climb. The mountains are coming nearer, and the water is getting louder. You pass the so-called "Salzach-Öfen", an imposing canyon which was built through the

river. At the foot of Hochkönig Mountain you reach Werfen. The biggest ice cave in the world is inviting you for a loop tour through the bewitching world of shimmering ice (duration about 4 hours). A last view onto the Hohenwerfen fortress before you continue to Bischofshofen. Within a few kilometres you reach St. Johann. We recommend visiting the dome with its towers and the wild romantic Liechtensteinklamm (gorge).

### **Day 4: St. Johann – Mölltal 60 km + train ride**

Feeling fresh and rested you start your third leg to Schwarzach im Pongau. Marvel at the pretty Schloss Schernberg on the hill above the village before hopping onto the saddle. Shortly after Schwarzach you leave the Salzach and will be accompanied by the Gasteiner Ache through the wild and romantic Gastein valley. Gather your strength before travelling uphill to the "Ausgleichsbecken", which will see you cover 2.5 kilometers with an elevation change of 130 metres – you'll definitely work up a sweat. Now comes the Klamm Tunnel, where you can cycle its 1.5 kilometers on a cycle path. If you want to avoid the tunnel, you can take a train or shuttle service from Schwarzach (about a 10 kilometer drive). Via Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you cycle to the renowned spa and winter sports resort of Bad Gastein, at the foot of the Hohe Tauern, which offers a wealth of natural history and architectural sights. It is then only a stone's throw to Böckstein,



where a train from the Tauernschleuse takes you to Mallnitz on the other side of the Alps in just 10 minutes (self-paid about €5/person). Back in the saddle you can enjoy rushing downhill to your hotel in the Mölltal

## Day 5: Mölltal – Spittal 30 km

First off, as you travel along the Möll River you cycle through impressive mountain landscape. In Möllbrücke the Drautal begins, and the sunny south of Austria. Take a leisurely pedal over the last kilometres to Spittal an der Drau. In the middle ages this city was an important junction for pilgrims. Here you can visit the Renaissance Porcia Palace, built in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century in the style of Italian palazzo – sometimes referred to as ‘the most beautiful Renaissance building north of the Alps’.



## Day 6: Spittal - Villach 40 km

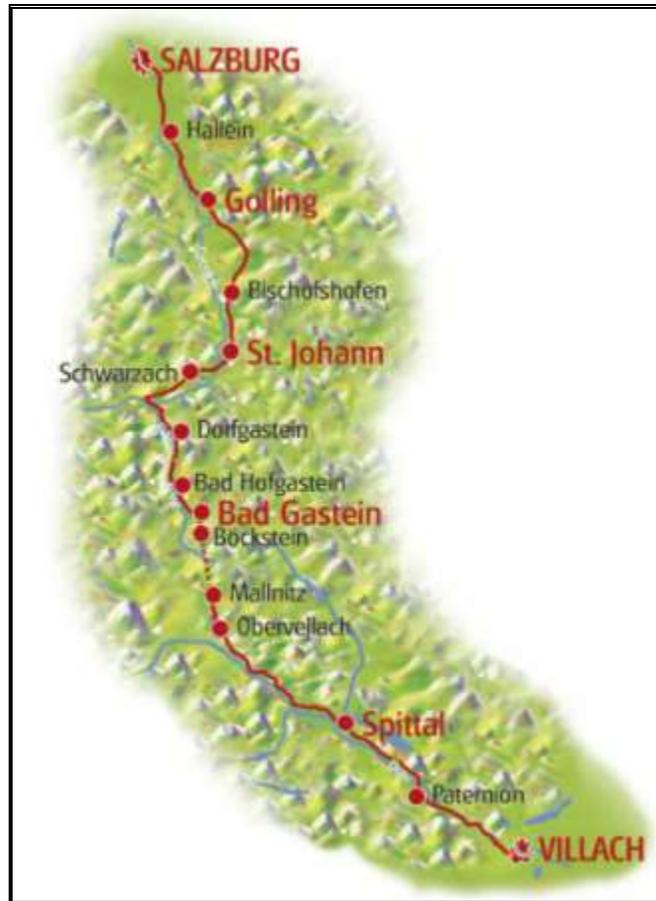
Enjoy this route – it leads slightly downhill along river Drau. You should plan a stop in Paternion with worth seeing churches and palaces. Within short distance you reach Villach with beautiful old city, southern flair and homelike pubs and restaurants.

## Day 7: Departure or Extension

Unfortunately you have reached the end of your journey! One thing is certain though: you can head home full of new experiences and impressions.



## Route



### Technical Characteristics:

**Route Profile:** Medium. This bike path leads through flat and slightly hilly terrain, even if the surrounding mountain area is not far away. Two longer climbs can be skipped by going by train. You cycle on asphalted roads and nature paths. An about 8 km long descent leads along a road with more traffic.

**Distance:** 195 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:**

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| Double Occupancy B&B Season 1                           | € 789.00 |
| Double Occupancy B&B Season 2                           | € 839.00 |
| Double Occupancy B&B Season 3                           | € 899.00 |
| Surcharge Single Occupancy                              | € 259.00 |
| Rental Bike Plus (including insurance)                  | € 159.00 |
| Rental Electric Bike (including insurance)              | € 239.00 |
| 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 Villach Double Occupancy B&B               | € 89.00  |
| Extra Nights Villach Single Occupancy B&B               | € 144.00 |

**Accommodation:**

Category: 3\* and 4\* hotels

**Included:**

- Accommodation in your selected category
- 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 train ride Bockstein – Mallnitz including your bike
- App for navigation and GPS data is available
- Service hotline

**Not Included:**

- Local taxes payable locally
- Return transfer by minibus to Salzburg every Saturday morning, costs EUR 99 per person including your bike, to be paid for in advance, reservation is necessary

## 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