



DESCRIPTION

Undoubtedly, the Drava cycle path is one of the most spectacular cycle routes in Europe and has been classified from ADFC as 5-star-quality-route: The part from the Upper Puster Valley to Klagenfurt is especially suitable for families and novice cyclists. The cycle path starts at the source of the river Drava in Dobbiaco. This is the place where Gustav Mahler, the composer, found most of his inspiration. The river Drava accompanies you on the way to the East Austrian capital of Lienz. From here the tour takes you through Spittal a.d. Drau and Villach to Klagenfurt. On the way you will encounter several lakes where you can have a refreshing bath. Or you just enjoy the sun on the banks of Lake Millstätter See, Lake Ossiacher See, Lake Faaker See or Lake Wörthersee.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This tour is ideal for beginners and families. The route mainly takes you alongside the river Drava and there are no steep inclines.

self-guided tour

bicycle holiday



DIFFICULTY: easy



DURATION: 8 days / 7 nights or
6 days / 5 nights (until Villach)



DISTANCE: approx. 260 – 265 km or
approx. 170 – 175 km (until Villach)



A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the starting hotel in the Upper Puster Valley (Villabassa/Dobbiaco). Free, unattended public parking area near the hotel. **Tip:** For those arriving earlier, it is well worth cycling into the Höhlensteintal Valley to visit the idyllic Lake Dürrensee. Also the Lake Pragser Wildsee, in whose crystal-clear waters the whitewashed walls of the Seekofel are mirrored, can be visited. The brave among you can go to the adventure park in Dobbiaco to climb the high rope course. It is also possible to visit the Gustav Mahler wild animal park.

Day 2: Upper Puster Valley – Lienz/surroundings (approx. 50 – 55 km)

Starting in Villabassa or Dobbiaco you cycle along the bike path to San Candido and then on to Sillian. Afterwards the cycling path runs downhill all the way to the sunny Austrian town Lienz.

Attractions for the whole family:

- “Wichtelpark” (imp park) in Sillian – one of the most beautiful playgrounds of the Upper Puster Valley
- Loacker “World of Goodness” and Moccaria in Heinfels
- Galitzenklamm gorge – waterfall with an adventure park for the whole family
- Alpine coaster “Osttirodler” in Lienz
- Moosalm petting zoo – directly at the top station of the alpine coaster “Osttirodler”

Day 3: Lienz/surroundings – Berg im Drautal (approx. 35 km)

You leave from where the river Isel flows into the river Drava and carry on with the bike path to Oberdrauburg and then to Berg im Drautal. This was once an important Roman trade route.

Attractions for the whole family:

- “Aguntum” – archaeological park and excavations of Roman habitations shortly after Lienz
- Outdoor swimming pool in Berg im Drautal

ADVICE: The hotel “Ferienpark Putz” is a point of sale for the Kärnten-Card (not included in the package price), a card that provides you several advantages: discounts/gratuities on entry fees (e.g. folk culture museum in Porcia castle, boat trips, monkey mountain “Affenberg” and many more). You are also granted a 50% discount on public transport in Carinthia (train, bus).

Day 4: Berg im Drautal – Spittal a.d. Drau/surroundings (approx. 45 km)

From Berg im Drautal you pass through idyllic landscape and dreamy villages on route to Spittal a.d. Drau. Soon after leaving Berg im Drautal you will reach Greifenburg, where a high rope course is located. There is also the possibility of taking a detour to Lake Millstätter See for a quick swim or a short rest. Spittal a.d. Drau is famous for its comedies at Porcia castle, one of the most beautiful Renaissance castles in Austria to visit.

Day 5: Spittal a.d. Drau/surroundings – Villach (approx. 40 km)

This day takes you to Villach, the second largest town in Carinthia. Villach is not only well known for its carnival but also for its funfair. There are also many other interesting places to visit. Enjoy a trip to the local Lake Ossiacher See and/or Lake Faaker See. If you should still have plenty of time we recommend visiting Landskron castle with its eagle show and/or the nearby monkey mountain “Affenberg”.

Day 6: Villach – Lake Ossiacher See round trip – Villach (approx. 45 km)

The river Seebach leads you out of Villach and soon you will notice the castle ruin of Landskron, dominating the valley below. Surrounded by the idyllic mountain scenery, you will come across inviting bathing resorts and the romantic Ossiach monastery. The dark green colour of the lake water is really inviting to take a last bath before closing the roundtrip in Villach.

Day 7: Villach – Lake Wörthersee – Klagenfurt (approx. 45 km)

For the first few kilometres follow the river Drava through the countryside that has kept its naturalness. After reaching the famous Lake Wörthersee there is plenty of fun for the entire family: sandy beaches, boats for hire and trips around the lake. You cycle through lively places to Klagenfurt. In the evening, enjoy a walk around the romantic old town and discover its southern charm.

Attractions in Klagenfurt:

- Minimundus – the miniature world at Lake Wörthersee with more than 150 models of famous buildings
- Reptile zoo Happ – Austria’s largest reptile zoo with more than 1,000 different animals
- Planetarium Klagenfurt

Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

VARIANT (6 days/5 nights, self-guided tour, tour ends in Villach)

- Day 1: Individual arrival at the starting hotel in the Upper Puster Valley (Villabassa/Dobbiaco)
Day 2: Upper Puster Valley – Lienz/surroundings (approx. 50 – 55 km)
Day 3: Lienz/surroundings – Berg im Drautal (approx. 35 km)
Day 4: Berg im Drautal – Spittal a.d. Drau/surroundings (approx. 45 km)
Day 5: Spittal a.d. Drau/surroundings – Villach (approx. 40 km)
Day 6: Individual departure

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 8 days/7 nights or 6 days/5 nights (until Villach)

Distance: approx. 260 – 265 km or approx. 170 – 175 km (until Villach)

Starting point: Upper Puster Valley (Villabassa/Dobbiaco)

ARRIVAL

By car: Via the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone – exit “Brixen-Pustertal” – then through the Upper Puster Valley / Valle Pusteria (SS49) to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco (depending on the location of your hotel) or drive along the Felbertauernstraße to Lienz in Eastern Tyrol and further to Italy through the Upper Puster Valley/Valle Pusteria (SS49) to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco (depending on the location of your hotel).

By train: From Innsbruck over the Brenner/Brennero to Franzensfeste/Forzezza. Change the train to the Upper Puster Valley / Valle Pusteria (train station Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco; depending on the location of your hotel).
Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

By plane: Low cost flights to airports Treviso, Venice Marco Polo, Ronchi dei Legionari (Trieste) or Innsbruck.
We organize transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour on request.

ACCOMMODATION

Inns or hotels in 3-star-category // Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.

PARKING

Free, unattended parking facilities for the duration of the bicycle tour at a nearby public parking area.

TRANSFER

Every Sunday: Return transfer from Klagenfurt to the Upper Puster Valley (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco) by shuttle bus – € 69.00 per person (bicycle included). Reservation required, payment upon booking.

ALTERNATIVE Good train connections from Klagenfurt via Villach and Lienz to Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco – approx. € 37.00 per person (limited availability for bicycles on the trains). Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

RENTAL BIKES

21-gears women's or men's bicycle // E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100 km) // Children's bikes, children's bike seats, kid-vans and trailers are available on request.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns or hotels in 3-star-category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- *If you have booked half board:* minimum three-course menu
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner (if not booked halfboard)
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item “Included services”

STARTING DATES 2021

ARRIVAL

Every Saturday and Sunday: 08/05/2021 (first available date) to 26/09/2021 (last available date)

NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2021

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast - arrival days 08/05/2021 and 26/09/2021	€ 599.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 679.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 169.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 80.00
Half board** surcharge, per person	€ 145.00

REDUCTION FOR CHILDREN***

0 – 5.99 years incl. breakfast: 100% (other services and extras to be paid directly in the hotel)

6 – 11.99 years incl. breakfast: 50%

12 – 14.99 years incl. breakfast: 25%

Reduction for extra beds in a double room (children from 15 years and adults): 10%

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental Bike	€ 79.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 119.00
E-bike	€ 169.00
Children's bikes (up to 12 years), trailers, trail-a-bikes	€ 50.00
Children's bike seats	€ 15.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN NIEDERDORF/VILLABASSA OR TOBLACH/DOBBIACO

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in May/June/September/October	€ 59.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in July/August	€ 79.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 17.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN KLAGENFURT

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 69.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 18.00

* High season: arrival dates from 19/06/2021 up to and including 05/09/2021

** Half board can be booked for children over 6 years. Meals and other extras for children under that age have to be booked and paid directly at the hotel.

*** The reduction applies for a third and fourth person (child and/or adult) in a room when sharing with two full paying adults. The reduction is valid only for the package price including breakfast and the high season surcharge. It is not applicable for any other additional services (e.g. rental bikes or others).

We suggest travel insurance. Changes in the offer as well as errors, printing errors and arithmetic errors reserved!

SELF-GUIDED TOUR VARIANT (6 days/5 nights)

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast - arrival days 08/05/2021 and 26/09/2021	€ 449.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 529.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 119.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 60.00
Half board** surcharge, per person	€ 105.00

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES VARIANT (6 days/5 nights)

Rental Bike	€ 49.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 79.00
E-bike	€ 119.00
Children's bikes (up to 12 years), trailers, trail-a-bikes	€ 50.00
Children's bike seats	€ 15.00

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Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in May/June/September/October	€ 59.00
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in July/August	€ 79.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 17.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 59.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 17.00

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