



FunActive TOURS / Harald Wisthaler



DESCRIPTION

The Drau cycle path, which has been awarded 5-star quality cycle routes by the ADFC, leads from the source of the Drava in Dobbiaco in Italy along the river of the same name for 366km through East Tyrol and Carinthia to Maribor in Slovenia. The tour starts in Alta Pusteria, near the source of the Drava.

The river is your constant companion on the journey and ensures that it will be a leisurely trip through small idyllic villages and charming small towns. The proximity to the well-known Carinthian lakes also entices you to take a short detour every now and then. Carinthia's warmest bathing lake awaits for the finale.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

In South Tyrol and Austria the tour mostly runs on the cycle path in flat terrain on asphalted and paved paths. However, these sections can be shortened by a train ride – also in parts. The tour is suitable for children over 16 years.

self-guided tour

bicycle holiday



DIFFICULTY: easy



DURATION: 8 days / 7 nights



DISTANCE: approx. 260 km



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.

Day 2: Alta Pusteria – Oberdrauburg (approx. 70 – 75 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, where already the “Illyrer” founded one colony, which was developed by the Romans to the city “Aguntum”. Visit the outdoor museum “Aguntum” – excavations and discoveries report about that Roman settlement. You leave from where the river Isel flows into the river Drava and carry on with the bike path over the borders of both countries East Tyrol and Carinthia to Oberdrauburg.

Day 3: Oberdrauburg – Sachsenburg/Möllbrücke (approx. 40 km)

Through an idyllic landscape and dreamy villages you will reach Sachsenburg/Möllbrücke from Oberdrauburg. Here the cycle path no longer runs directly along the riverbank path of the Drava but moves a little further away from the river and meanders through the widening valley.

Day 4: Sachsenburg/Möllbrücke – Villach (approx. 55 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. In addition, numerous sights await you. A trip to the neighbouring lakes should not be missed.

Day 5: Villach – Mühlbach/St. Jakob im Rosental (approx. 40 km)

Today you start in Villach. The cycle path leads through the small town along the Drava river to Velden am Wörthersee. There you branch off and cycle to your today's stage destination Mühlbach or St. Jakob im Rosental depending on your accommodation.

Day 6: Mühlbach/St. Jakob im Rosental – Lake Klopeiner See (approx. 55 km)

You follow the course of the river for a few kilometres before turning off into the Lake Klopeiner See holiday region. With its 30 degrees Lake Klopeiner See is one of the warmest bathing lakes in Europe. The first swimmers venture into the pleasantly warm water as early as May.

Day 7: Day off or individual tour around Lake Klopeiner See

You are spoilt for choice: either a relaxing day on the banks of Lake Klopeiner See or you start for an individual bicycle tour in Southern Carinthia.

Day 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 8 days/7 nights

Distance: approx. 260 km

Starting point: Upper Puster Valley (Villabassa/Dobbiaco)

ARRIVAL

By car: Via the Brenner/Brennero motorway (A22) to Brixen/Bressanone – exit “Franzensfeste, Pustertal” – through the Pustertal valley (State road 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 to the Upper Pustertal valley (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 Pustertal valley (train station of Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco, depending on the location of your hotel). Timetables: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com

By plane: 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- or 4-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 (Saturday on request): Return transfer from Lake Klopeiner See to the Upper Puster Valley (Niederdorf/Villabassa or Toblach/Dobbiaco) by shuttle bus – € 139.00 per person + € 29.00 per own bike (min. 2 persons, reservation and payment upon booking).

ALTERNATIVE The return journey can also be made by train (www.oebb.at).

RENTAL BIKES

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- E-bike (UNISEX bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100 km)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns or hotels in 3- and 4-star-category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- 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
- Navigation app

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
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item “Included services”

STARTING DATES 2023

ARRIVAL

Every Saturday: 13/05/2023 (first available date) to 23/09/2023 (last available date)

ARRIVAL WITH LIMITED AVAILABILITY (if necessary against surcharge!)

29/07/2023 and 02/09/2023

DISABLED DATES (no start possible!)

10/08/2023 up to and including 18/08/2023

NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2023

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 849.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 925.00**
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 175.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 99.00
E-bike	€ 209.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN NIEDERDORF/VILLABASSA OR TOBLACH/DOBBIACO	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in June / September	€ 79.00*
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast in July / August	€ 89.00**
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 25.00
EXTRA NIGHTS AT LAKE KLOPEINER SEE	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	on request
Single room surcharge, per person	on request

* Season 1: arrival dates from 13/05/2023 up to and including 23/06/2023 and from 10/09/2023 up to and including 23/09/2023

** Season 2: arrival dates from 24/06/2023 up to and including 09/09/2023

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