

Bicycle holiday

CARINTHIAN LAKE LOOP FOR FAMILIES

Discover the most beautiful lakes on cycle paths





DESCRIPTION

The Carinthian Lake Loop leads to the most beautiful and well-known lakes in Carinthia. Part of the route is very suitable for families. The route is mainly flat and mostly on cycle paths without car traffic.

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This family cycling tour offers plenty of time for discovering and exploring trip destinations and, of course, also for swimming, because the lakes in Carinthia attract with warm water temperatures, beautiful lidos with large sunbathing areas or many small bathing spots that are accessible free of charge. The best-known lakes are included in the programme, such as Lake Ossiacher See, Lake Faaker See and Lake Wörthersee. This makes cycling fun for young people!

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This tour leads mostly on well laid out bicycle routes, often directly along the lakesides. The route is mostly flat. The short cycling distances leave plenty of time to explore the landscape.





A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Villach. Parking place close to the hotel available.

Day 2: Villach – Lake Ossiacher See – Villach (approx. 45 km)

The first day leads from Villach to Lake Ossiacher See and around the lake. Along the route there are points of interest for families such as the "Family Forest Ossiach" or the Gerlitzen cable car with attractions at the middle station. Those who want to glide a bit over the water can switch to the boat ride if available: for example, take the boat from Ossiach to Steindorf and visit the Slow Trail Bleistätter Moor. Or simply use the free lake accesses to refresh yourself. A pleasant cycling day for the whole family.

Day 3: Villach – Lake Faaker See (approx. 20 km)

Today's destination is Lake Faaker See. The warm bathing lake offers many opportunities for water sports, such as pedal boating or kayaking. At Lake Faaker See there is also an exciting family hike in the footsteps of Woraun, a dragon who invites you to an adventure trip in the dragon forest.

Day 4: Lake Faaker See – Lake Wörthersee / Pörtschach (approx. 22 km)

From Lake Faaker See you cycle towards Carinthia's most famous lake, Lake Wörthersee. The tour leads a short part along the Drava river. There are well-known bathing resorts at Lake Wörthersee, which invite you to take a stroll along the promenades in the evening, where there is always something on offer for little visitors. If you like you can extend your ride to Klagenfurt, the provincial capital, situated on the eastern shore of the lake. There are three beautiful trip destinations: Minimundus – the little world at Lake Wörthersee, the Happ reptile zoo and the planetarium. To return to the hotel you can take the boat or the train (both <u>not</u> included).

Day 5: Rest day/bathing day

With the Wörthersee Card, which you receive at your accommodation, there are many possibilities for a day of rest or swimming.

Day 6: Lake Wörthersee/Pörtschach – Villach (approx. 28 km)

Today it's the bikes' turn again. The pleasant, flat tour leads along the Drava cycle path directly along the river to Villach. On the way, it is worth stopping at Lake Silbersee, a popular bathing lake for the locals. In the old town of Villach you can take a stroll or go sightseeing, for example at the relief of Carinthia – here you can once again see from a bird's eye view where you cycled.

Day 7: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour Duration: 7 days/6 nights Distance: approx. 115 km Starting point: Villach

ARRIVAL

By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin). **By train:** Good train connections to Villach. Timetables: *www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com* **By plane:** Airports Klagenfurt, Salzburg and Ljubljana. There are good train and bus connections from all these cities to your starting point.

ACCOMMODATION

Inns and hotels in good 3-star-category or 4-star-category // Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.

PARKING

Depending on the first hotel, unattended parking facilities are available either directly at your hotel or nearby. Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.

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 and hotels in good 3- or 4-star-category (Not all accommodations are directly located nearby the lake!)
- Half board
- Video briefing/Information video about the cycling tour
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Wörthersee Card
- 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
- Not mentioned entries
- Not mentioned train and boat tickets
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

STARTING DATES 2024

ARRIVAL

Every Sunday: 05/05/2024 (first available date) to 29/09/2024 (last available date)

DISABLED DATES (no start possible!)

27/07/2024 up to and including 03/08/2024 // 31/08/2024 up to and including 04/09/2024

NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2024

| SELF-GUIDED TOUR | |
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| Package price per person in a double room incl. half board – Season 1* | € 799.00* |
| Package price per person in a double room incl. half board – Saison 2** | € 839.00** |
| Package price per person in a double room incl. half board – Saison 3*** | € 939.00*** |
| Surcharge double room for single use, per person | € 229.00 |
| Discount for children (0 – 5 years)**** | 100 %**** |
| Discount for children (6 – 11 years) incl. half board | 50% |
| Discount for children (11 – 14 years) incl. half board | 25% |
| ADDITIONAL SERVICES | |
| Rental Bike | € 99.00 |
| E-bike | € 249.00 |
| Children's bike | € 70.00 |
| Children's bike seat, kid-van and trailer | € 50.00 |
| EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH | |
| Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast | € 79.00 |
| Surcharge double room for single use, per person and night | € 25.00 |

* Season 1: arrival dates 05/05/2024 and 29/09/2024

** Season 2: arrival dates from 06/05/2024 up to and including 09/06/2024 and from 25/08/2024 up to and including 28/09/2024

*** Season 3: arrival dates from 10/06/2024 up to and including 24/08/2024

**** Children (0 - 5 years) free of charge; additional services have to be paid directly on the spot (extra bed in the room, meals, ...)

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