



DESCRIPTION

The enjoyment tour of the Carinthian Lake Loop is a bicycle tour to the most beautiful lakes of Carinthia. It follows the original (great) Lake Loop but challenging passages (e.g. a longer section along the road and the strong increase to Lake Weissensee) are replaced by transfers by train and car. Past blue and turquoise lakes, accompanied by a hilly and mountainous landscape, the route fascinates with a varied landscape. The Mediterranean influence in the south of Austria makes cycling a pleasure from April to October.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

This tour leads mostly on well laid out bicycle routes, often directly along the lakesides. The route is slightly hilly in the western part, the eastern part is mainly flat. This tour is also suitable for families with children aged 14 and over.

For an even more relaxed cycling trip, we recommend an E-bike!

self-guided tour

bicycle holiday

DIFFICULTY: easy – medium

DURATION: 8 days / 7 nights

DISTANCE: approx. 250 km



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 Millstätter See round trip – Millstatt/Seeboden (approx. 30 km)

In the morning you take the train to Lendorf near Spittal an der Drau. From there you cycle on secondary roads to Lake Millstätter See, which is completely surrounded by a cycle path. You will discover the untouched south shore without any roads where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the lake in many places. Along the northern shore you cycle, partly directly along the lake, to the main place of the region, Millstatt (already the Austrian emperor spent his holidays here, and many elegant villas from this era are still preserved) or you cycle a few more kilometres to Seeboden – depending on your accommodation.

Day 3: Millstatt/Seeboden – Lake Weissensee – Hermagor/Lake Pressegger See/Tröpolach (approx. 30 km)

In the morning, a shuttle bus takes you up to Lake Weissensee. Once there, you will have time to enjoy the impressive natural surroundings of Lake Weissensee: take a boat trip (ticket not included), a short hike or just enjoy the lake with a dip in the cool water. Afterwards a short climb awaits you before the descent along the dreamy Gitschtal valley leads you to your stage destination.

Day 4: Hermagor/Lake Pressegger See/Tröpolach – Gailtal valley – Lake Faaker See (approx. 55 – 60 km)

Your cycle tour today takes you downhill along the Gailtal valley cycle path. The wide valley is unspoilt and the cycle path runs right through the natural landscape along the river. At the beginning of the cycle tour you will pass Lake Pressegger See. Like all Carinthian lakes, it is a bathing lake with warm temperatures. Part of the tour then leads before Villach at the foot of the majestic Dobratsch mountain through a nature reserve that was created in the course of a historic rock fall. Here, too, you cycle directly along the Gail river, which is wide and shallow at this point and used as a bathing spot by many nature lovers. The cycle path continues towards Lake Faaker See. It is the emerald among the Carinthian lakes, not very big but very warm and turquoise like the Caribbean.

Day 5: Lake Faaker See – Lake Wörthersee – Klagenfurt (approx. 40 km)

You start today's stage at Lake Faaker See and cycle a short distance along the river Drava towards Lake Wörthersee. Before you reach Velden am Wörthersee you branch off into the idyllic lake valley of Keutschach. It lies parallel to Lake Wörthersee and captivates with several small charming lakes that lie like a string of pearls along your route. At the end you reach today's stage destination – the provincial capital Klagenfurt. In the old town of Klagenfurt there are many buildings from the Renaissance to marvel at and captivates with its southern flair. Small bars and shops round off the ambience. Culture lovers should visit the Modern Art Museum while those interested in history should visit the newly designed Carinthia Museum. Those who prefer to look at things from above must climb the steps to the city parish tower.

Day 6: Klagenfurt – Lake Klopeiner See – Klagenfurt (approx. 50 km or approx. 65 km)

Today you can choose between two tours to Lake Klopeiner See. The shorter tour takes you directly from Klagenfurt to southern Carinthia and back along the same route. The round tour is somewhat longer, but all the more rewarding for that. It leads south through Maria Rain to the Ferlach power station, where you then reach the Drava cycle path. You follow the Drava cycle path until Tainach, where the tour leads via Stein im Jauntal to Lake Klopeiner See. Lake Klopeiner See is one of the smaller lakes but is considered one of the warmest lakes in Europe. The route back to Klagenfurt then leads along the Völkermarkt reservoir and a railway accompanying cycle path.

Day 7: Klagenfurt – Villach (approx. 40 km)

The first section today takes you along the north shore of Lake Wörthersee, then the tour returns to the Drava cycle path and past Lake Silbersee towards Villach – the starting point of your enjoyment cycling tour.

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. 250 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 3- and 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 100km)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns and hotels in 3- and 4-star-category (Not all accommodations are directly located nearby the lake!)
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Video briefing/Information video about the cycling tour
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Train tickets and transfers according to the program (train ticket Villach > Lendorf; transfer to Lake Weissensee)
- 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
- 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 Saturday: 04/05/2024 (first available date) to 28/09/2024 (last available date)

Additionally every Wednesday and Sunday: 22/06/2024 to 08/09/2024

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	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 1*	€ 879.00*
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 2**	€ 969.00**
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – Season 3***	€ 989.00***
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 219.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 99.00
E-bike	€ 249.00
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 04/05/2024 and 28/09/2024

** Season 2: arrival dates from 05/05/2024 up to and including 21/06/2024 and from 09/09/2024 up to and including 27/09/2024

*** Season 3: arrival dates from 22/06/2024 up to and including 08/09/2024

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