



View over the Drau in Villach

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DESCRIPTION

In a week across the Alps to the Adriatic Sea – that sounds like hard work! It is not quite as exhausting, if you choose the Alpe Adria cycle route. On the well marked paths the crossing of the Alps is also feasible for pleasure cyclists, because the ascent to the main ridge of the Alps is divided into two daily stages, the last one will be done by using the train. On your journey you will pass the idyllic Salzachtal Valley, Bad Gastein, the impressive high mountain landscape of the Hohe Tauern.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The tour runs along bike paths or very quiet side roads, through small villages and picturesque landscape. The section over the Pass Lueg can be bypassed by train. The tour is suitable for children over 16 years.

self-guided tour

bicycle holiday



DIFFICULTY: easy – medium



DURATION: 5 days / 4 nights



DISTANCE: approx. 200 km



## A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

### Day 1: Anreise

Individual arrival at the starting hotel in Salzburg.

### Day 2: Salzburg – Bischofshofen / St. Johann (approx. 65 km)

With a view of the fortress Hohensalzburg you leave the city. In the distance the mountains are already visible. The first section takes you along the river Salzach. On the way you will pass the former summer residence of the Salzburg prince-bishops, Hellbrunn palace. For more than 400 years, the extraordinary water games have been a delight for young and old. On the Tauern cycle path, the journey continues in the direction of Hallein, known for its crooked townhouses and above all for the white gold – salt. Another highlight on the way is the waterfall in Golling. The Pongau cathedral and the town of St. Johann are already visible on the horizon.

### Day 3: Bischofshofen / St. Johann – Bad Gastein (approx. 55 km)

The journey continues through the tranquil Gasteinertal Valley. Until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was only accessible along mountain paths and narrow roads. Framed by the peaks of the Hohe Tauern, you cycle along the Gasteiner Ache (river). Passing Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you reach the famous health resort Bad Gastein. The “Montecarlo of the Alps”, as the place is often called, is known for its many splendid hotels from the “Belle Époque”. The main attraction here is the Gastein waterfall, which has been the focal point of many artists and poets.

### Day 4: Bad Gastein – Villach (approx. 79 km + train ride)

Today you cycle to Böckstein and get on the train along the Tauernschleuse (railway line) to Mallnitz. You then cycle downhill to Obervellach to enjoy the impressive high mountain landscape on the banks of the river Möll. This section of the cycle path is also known as the Glockner cycle path. From Möllbrücke the Drava cycle path leads you to Spittal, famous for its Renaissance castle Porcia. Your journey finally ends in the second largest city in Carinthia: Villach is not only famous for its Carnival, but also known for its Villacher Kirchtag (folklore festival). In addition, numerous places of interest await you. If you still have enough time, we recommend you to take a swim in one of the lakes around the city.

### Day 5: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification of the cycle tour: self-guided tour

Duration: 5 days/4 nights

Distance: approx. 200 km

Starting point: Salzburg

### ARRIVAL

**By car:** Salzburg is well connected to international motorways and this makes the city easy to reach. If you reach the city of Mozart from Austria, take the A1 or A10 motorway or drive in from Germany on the A8 motorway.

**By train:** Salzburg's main railway station is served by numerous national and international train lines. Timetables: [www.deutschebahn.de](http://www.deutschebahn.de), [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

**By plane:** Salzburg Airport, furthermore airports in Vienna and Munich (accessible within 2 – 3 hours by public transport). We organize transfers from the airport to the starting point of the cycle tour on request.

### ACCOMMODATION

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

### PARKING

We recommend parking at the airport (for a fee) or at the main railway station (for a fee).

Reservation of the parking area is not possible; payable on the spot.

### TRANSFER

Return transfer with public transportation or with our private transfer – €85.00 per person + €39.00 per own bike (at least 4 people; reservation and payment upon booking).

### RENTAL BIKES

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

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns/hotels in 3-/4-star-category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Video briefing/Information video about the cycling tour
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Train ride Böckstein > Mallnitz (bicycle included)
- 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
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item "Included services"

## STARTING DATES 2025

### ARRIVAL

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 17/07/2025 (first available date) to 04/10/2025 (last available date)

### NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES

Minimum of 5 persons upon request!

## PRICES 2025

SELF-GUIDED TOUR	
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 789.00
Surcharge double room for single use, per person	€ 139.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Rental Bike	€ 89.00
Rental Bike TOP	€ 129.00
E-bike	€ 189.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN SALZBURG	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 89.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 39.00
EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH	
Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 79.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 39.00

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