



PAST A VARIED LANDSCAPE TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LAKES

 Self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 260-260 km

 Medium

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights



DESCRIPTION

This tour takes you to the most beautiful lakes in Carinthia. Passing blue and turquoise lakes, accompanied by a hilly and mountainous landscape, the route captivates with its varied scenery. The Mediterranean influence in southern Austria makes cycling a pleasure from April to October. The cycle tour takes you from Villach, the cycling capital of Carinthia, to Lake Millstatt and Lake Weissensee, continuing along the Gailtal Cycle Path past Lake Faaker See to the famous emerald green Lake Wörthersee and finally to Lake Ossiacher See and back to Villach. The cycle tour largely follows well-developed cycle paths, very often directly along the lake shores. In some sections, the route follows federal roads without cycle paths. The route is mainly flat, with some slightly hilly sections. The itinerary is ideal for e-bikes.

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DETAILED ROUTES

 **Day 1: Arrival**
You will arrive at your hotel in Villach. Parking spaces available close to the hotel.

 **Day 2: Villach – Seeboden**
(approx. 48 km)
The tour begins heading north to Lake Millstatt, which is entirely surrounded by a cycle path. You will discover the unspoilt southern shore, where there are no roads and you can enjoy breathtaking views of the lake in many places. Along the way, you will pass through typical Carinthian villages such as Döbriach, which lies directly on the lake shore. Along the north shore, you will cycle partly directly along the lake to Seeboden, your destination for today.

 **Day 3: Lake Millstätter See – Weissensee – Feistritz an der Drau/Spittal an der Drau**
(approx. 70 km)
Today you start at Lake Millstatt. From here you cycle through the Drau Valley to Greifenburg and from there it's uphill to Lake Weissensee. If you don't feel confident enough to do this, you can avoid the climb with a transfer (included). Once you arrive at Lake Weissensee, you will continue by ferry (included). After arriving, you will cycle on to your destination for the day in the Drau Valley.

 **Day 4: Feistritz an der Drau/Spittal an der Drau – Faaker See**
(approx. 45 km)
Today, you will travel south from the Drau Valley. Your destination today is Lake Faaker See. It is the emerald among the Carinthian lakes, not very large, but very warm and turquoise like the Caribbean. On the way, you will pass typical Carinthian villages and Villach again. Once you arrive at your destination, you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the lake.

 **Day 5: Faakersee – Klagenfurt**
(approx. 45 km)
In the morning, you start at Lake Faaker See and then cycle a short distance along the Drau River towards Lake Wörthersee. Before Velden am Wörthersee, you branch off into the idyllic Keutschacher Seental valley. It runs parallel to Lake Wörthersee and captivates with several small charming lakes that lie like a string of pearls along your route. At the end lies the provincial capital Klagenfurt as your destination. The old town still has many Renaissance buildings and a southern flair. Small bars and shops round off the atmosphere. Culture lovers should visit the Museum of Modern Art, while those interested in history should visit the newly designed Carinthia Museum. Those who prefer to view things from above should definitely climb the steps to the Stadtpfarrturm tower.

 **Day 6: Klagenfurt – Ossiacher See – Villach**
(approx. 50 km)
The last stage of your cycle tour begins heading north again. From Klagenfurt, you cycle towards Feldkirchen. Shortly before reaching it, you turn off towards Lake Ossiach, Carinthia's third largest lake after Lake Wörthersee and Lake Millstättersee. Idyllically nestled in the surrounding mountains, you are greeted by inviting bathing resorts and the romantic Ossiach Abbey. The dark green colour of the water is something special. From here, you return to Villach, the final destination of your cycle tour.

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Day 7: Departure

Tour end and departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 260-260 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. Timetable on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. There are good train connections from all these cities to your starting point.

- **Accommodation:**

Inns or hotels 3*** and 4**** category

Please note: Tourist tax – if applicable – has to be paid on site.

- **Parking:**

Depending on the hotel at arrival, unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the entire duration of the tour). No reservation possible; payable on spot.

- **Rental bikes:**

- 21-gears bike (woman and man model)
- TOP bike (unisex model - man model on request)
- E-bike (UNISEX bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100 km)

It is possible to add a rental bike disclaimer to your booking. Price is € 24.00 per trekking bike and € 49.00 per TOP bike/ e-bike /mountain bike. For more information we recommend to review our Terms and Conditions.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns or hotels 3*** and/or 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Videobriefing
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Transfers according to the program
- Well planned routes

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival transfer to the starting point of the tour
- Departure transfer at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Boat ticket Weissensee
- Not mentioned entry fees
- Rental bikes and travel insurance

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- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)

- Navigation App

- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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Additional nights
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