

# Travelinformation "The beautiful Danube"

Passau – Vienna – Passau by Bike & Boat

# 1. Mooring MS SE-Manon in Passau

You will find your ship at the following cruise dock:

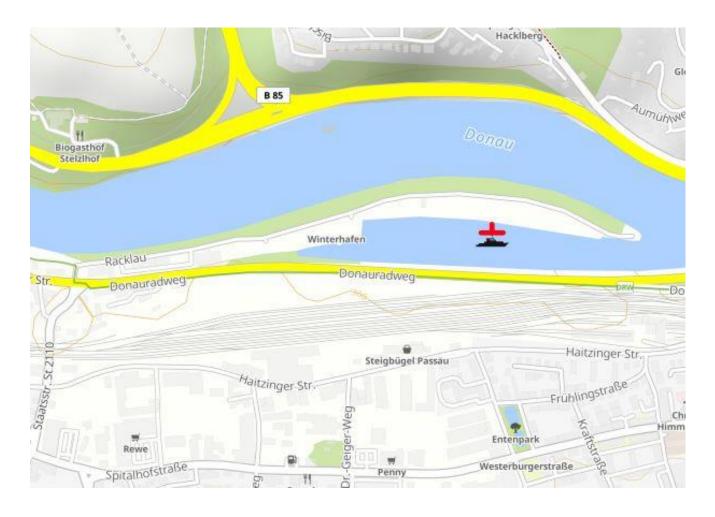
## Passau, Racklau / Winterhafen Address: 94036 Passau / Racklau 3a

**Please note:** The scheduled docking location may change at short notice. Local harbour authorities may assign several ships to the same berth thus your ship may be tied up behind another ship. If you cannot find your ship, please contact the <u>tour manager</u> number indicated in this booklet. You will find out the docking station for disembarkation from your cruise manager on the last evening.

Please plan to arrive in a timely manner in order to respect the scheduled **embarkation** at **4:00 pm**. If you arrive later, please let us know in time. The ship must depart on time.

Please note that an earlier embarkation is not possible for organisational reasons. If necessary, however, you may deposit your luggage on board already from 2 pm onwards.

Please label all pieces of luggage with a luggage tag, making sure that it has your name, cabin number and the ships name on it.





## 2. Emergency Numbers

You will be able to reach our tour manager via the following number: +49 (0) 171 5175223

In case of emergency, you will reach the reception of the MS SE-Manon via the following phone number: +31 6 15590463

SE-Tours office Monday-Friday (08:00-16.00 h) +49 471 800735

Should you have any questions prior to departure, please refer to your booking agent.

## 3. Tour Details

The bike tour along the German / Austrian Danube is a great experience, because your "swimming hotel" is always with you! Gently downhill, you will cycle along lush green river banks, through small, dreamy villages in the impressive Danube landscapes. You will discover the breathtaking natural wonder of the "Great Loop" (a swift 180° turn!) and immerse yourself in legendary Wachau with its vineyard terraces and enchanted castles and monasteries. Then Vienna – an abundance of sights! A city, hardly to describe – you have to see and feel it! Sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral and the city hall are easy to reach during a wonderful sightseeing tour by bike. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any of the cosy coffee houses or at a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern in the suburbs. The highlights of the tour: Passau, the City of 3 rivers, the Schloegen Danube Loop, the World Heritage Site Wachau, Upper Austria's capital Linz, the cosmopolitan city Vienna with a plethora of sights.

Day	Port	Arrival	Dept.
Day 1	Passau, Embarkation 16:00 h		19:00
Day 1	Engelhartszell	21:00	
Day 2	Engelhartszell		10:00
Day 2	Brandstatt	13:30	15:00
Day 2	Linz	18:00	
Day 3	Linz		03:30
Day 3	Mauthausen	07:00	10:00
Day 3	Grein	13:30	
Day 4	Grein		10:00
Day 4	Melk	14:30	18:00
Day 5	Tulln	00:01	10:00
Day 5	Vienna-Nussdorf	12:00	
Day 6	Vienna-Nussdorf		23:00
Day 7	Rossatz/Dürnstein	07:30	10:00
Day 7	Pöchlarn	14:00	16:30
Day 8	Passau, Disembarkation approx 10:30 h	10:00	

## Day 1: Passau – Engelhartszell

Arrival in the "Three River City". Passau attracts many with the world's greatest church organ at the Stephansdom and its charming Old Town. Embarkation will be around 4:00 pm, departure around 7 pm. Enjoy your first dinner on board and an evening sail to Engelhartszell.

#### Day 2: Engelhartszell - Great Loop -Brandstatt, ca. 43 - 49 km

The day starts in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria), where we head towards the "Great Loop" - one of the most beautiful and original sectors of the Danube. Your cycling will encounter small villages and cosy must-see taverns. For a change take the little ferry boat through the romantic Schlögener loop, where the river makes a very abrupt 180-degree turn (approx.  $\in$  6.- per pers.). Shipping from Brandstatt to Linz. Tip: discover Linz, the capital of upper Austria while

riding on the bright yellow City-Express.

## Day 3: Linz – Mauthausen – Grein, ca. 36 - 40 km

Shipping to Mauthausen. You have the possibility to visit the memorial-place KZ-Mauthausen. The Celtic town Mitterkirchen gives you an insight of the past. The route continues through the fertile area of the Machland region. The destination of the day's stage is the charming town of Grein. Also called "the pearl of the Strudengau" due to its idyllic location. Worth a visit in Grein: the impressive Castle of Greinburg.

## Day 4: Grein – Melk – Tulln, ca. 51 km

Today's stage is marked by a diverse landscape. At the beginning, there is the Strudengau – a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. The valley expands from Persenbeug and the bike tour leads you further to Melk with its gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren. On deck, you enjoy the sunset and the beautiful evening illumination of the Wachau. At night



# Day 5: Tulln - Vienna-Nussdorf, ca. 32 - 38 km

Right in front of Vienna's entrance, embedded in a breathtaking landscape, the monastery of Klosterneuburg is situated. You can already see the cupola of this 900-year-old baroque building from a distance. "Kahlenbergerdorf" with it's wine taverns is definitely worth a visit. After a stroll through the vineyards, you can enjoy the panoramic view over Vienna.

### Day 6: Vienna-Nussdorf (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral, the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House or the town hall that takes you back to the past. Take your time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese coffee bars. In the night shipping to Rossatz or Dürnstein.

### Day 7: Wachau – Pöchlarn, ca. 40 - 50 km

Your last biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy villages, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this gentle hilly landscape enchants everybody. A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Dürnstein, while the blue tower of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In the evening farewell dinner and cocktail.

#### **Day 8: Departure from Passau**

Every journey draws to an end. Arrival in Passau is about 11 am, disembarkation half an hour later.

## 4. Optional Excursions

## LINZ: Round trip with the City-Express,

## Saturday, approx. 7:30 – 8:00 pm

Linz City Express is the name of the little bright yellow train that takes you on a relaxing trip round the narrow lanes of the Old Town, visiting places you cannot see by car or which are not within walking distance. In Linz, history meets modernity – a city can hardly be richer in contrast. Enjoy the marvellous sights you will see on this audio-guided tour, while listening to the information about culture and history that are accompanied by music. The round trip usually starts at the mooring site at the Linz bank and ends at the baroque Main Square.

#### **Duration approx. 30 minutes**

Minimum number of participants: 35 persons Price: EUR 10.00

## GREIN: Guided tour to Greinburg Castle (grand tour) on the Danube River,

#### Sunday, approx. 4:30 – 5:45 pm

Greinburg Castle on the Danube, Austria's oldest residential Castle, dates from the late medieval era and was purchased in 1823 by the Dukes of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The Royal Houses of England, Belgium, Portugal, and Bulgaria are descended from the Ducal House, so is the mother of the today's King of Sweden. The castle is well worth a visit. Within a guided tour you can admire the Hall of Knights, the castle chapel, the Late Renaissance arcaded inner courtyard as well as the Coburg festival rooms.

#### **Duration approx. 75 minutes**

Minimum number of participants: 10 persons Price: EUR 13.00

# VIENNA: Walking tour through the city centre with bus transfer service from/back to the dock, Tuesday, approx. 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Experience the charming and loveable city of Vienna on a two-hour walking tour with an experienced local guide. Vienna is not only the declared favourite city of all Gourmets: Vienna is where history meets modern life and design meets tradition. The bus takes you from the ship to the famous Viennese boulevard "Ringstraße", past the State Opera House, the Parliament, the Burg Theatre, and the University. Get off at the Imperial Palace (Hofburg) and walk towards St Stephen`s Cathedral, Austria's highest church. From here, start for a relaxing walking tour to the Graben, Vienna`s major square, and via the Imperial Palace (Hofburg) with the Joseph's Square and the Spanish Riding School reach the Albertina Square. Bus transfer via Ringstraße back to the ship.

If you prefer, you may also stay in the city centre.

#### **Duration: approx. 3 hours**

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons Price: EUR 42.00



### VIENNA: Waltz and Operetta Concert, Tuesday, approx. 7:30 – 11:00 pm

With good reason, Vienna is considered the "World City of Music". Enjoy an unforgettable evening full of Viennese charm and joie-de-vivre. Virtuoso musicians, ballet dancers and excellent opera singers will perform a program featuring the most popular waltz and operetta pieces by Johann Strauss as well as opera arias and duets by W.A. Mozart. A wonderful way to top off the evening is to see the gorgeously illuminated Ringstrasse Boulevard at night on our way back to the ship.

Duration (transfers included): approx. 2.5 Hours

# (concert approx. 8:30-10:15 pm, break incl.)

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons Price: EUR 75.00

#### VIENNA: City tour by bike, Wednesday, approx. 09:00 – 12:00 am

Get up close and personal with Vienna's famous sites ...

One of the nicest ways to discover Vienna. The bike tour will offer you close-up looks of the impressive Viennese buildings. Accompanied by an experienced local guide, enjoy the beauty of architecture and culture in small groups. From Nussdorf, cycle along the Danube Canal via Spitteldorf and Urania to the Hundertwasser House and to the major sights, including the State Opera House, the Johann Strauss Memorial in the City Park, the Imperial Palace (the former Habsburg winter residence), and the New City Hall. The tour ends at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna's best-known landmark. Several stopovers for picture taking.

## Duration: approx. 3 hours, 25 km

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons Price: EUR 42.00

# 5. Reservation of the excursions:

- $\checkmark$  The excursions can ONLY be booked on board.
- $\checkmark$  You will receive the vouchers directly from your cruise manager.
- Payments will be made directly to your cruise manager aboard the ship (only cash payment, payments in EUR only)
- ✓ The excursions have capacity limitations short term reservations may not be considered. We recommend that you attend the tour information sessions.
- ✓ Minimum number of participants per tour: required.
- ✓ Once the tour has been booked and paid, no refunds will be made. (Except of cancellation by SE-Tours or if the minimum number of participants has not been reached).
- Please note that due to low/high tides or wait times there can be delays on the locks and therefore tour programs as well as boarding and landing sites can change.

Itinerary as well as tour programs are subject to change. Rates in February 2024 – subject to change.