

2024

# The Danube 4 Countries Tour



Passau – Vienna – Budapest – Bratislava – Passau by Bike & Boat

MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA \*\*\*\*

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: 116 - 180 km
- Character of cycle tours: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profil: Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy.
- Languages on board: German/English
- Travel documents: German/English
- Booking code: DE-DOSBK-081



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## Tour Details

Accompanied by a cruise ship you cycle along Europe's second largest river Danube from the charming Bavarian "three river city" of Passau straight into the heart of the once glorious Imperial and Royal Monarchy. Enjoy three of the most enchanting European capitals: the lively Vienna, the Slovak coronation city of Bratislava at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains and Budapest, the "Hungarian Danube Queen"! By bicycle you discover the stunning natural spectacle of the Schlägener Donauschlinge ("Great Loop"), the legendary Wachau with romantic towns and mighty castles amidst lovely vineyards, the untouched alluvial forests of the Danube National Park, as well as the baroque town of Vác with its colourful 18th century houses. The highlights of the tour: Passau, the City of 3 rivers, the Schloegen Danube Loop, the Hungarian Danube Bend, the World Heritage Site Wachau, the metropolises of Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arrival	Dept.
Day 1	Passau, Embarkation 16:00 h		19:00
Day 1	Engelhartszell	22:00	
Day 2	Engelhartszell		10:00
Day 2	Aschach	13:30	15:30
Day 3	Vienna Nussdorf	08:00	18:00
Day 4	Budapest	10:00	
Day 5	Budapest		02:00
Day 5	Visegrad	07:00	15:00
Day 6	Bratislava	09:30	15:00
Day 7	Rossatz/Dürnstein	08:00	09:30
Day 7	Pöchlarn	14:30	15:30
Day 8	Passau, Disembarkation approx 11:30 h	11:00	

### 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 – Aschach – Vienna-Nussdorf, ca. 40 - 46 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. You'll board again in Aschach. Then, you "sail into the night" towards Vienna-Nussdorf.

### Day 3: Vienna-Nussdorf (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of Vienna: St. Stephen's 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. In the night shipping to Budapest.

### Day 4: Budapest (day of rest) or roundtrip to Szentendre, ca. 48 km

In the early morning, you enjoy the panoramic view of the Danube's gorgeous landscape on the Sundeck. The gateway to Budapest is overwhelming, as many of the famous tourist features are situated directly next to the river bank. In the afternoon you can explore the numerous attractions of the city. Nearby, you find the Margaretheninsel which is outstandingly qualified for a small bike tour or the charming town of Szentendre with Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art life. In the night shipping to Visegrad.

### Day 5: Danube Bend | Visegrad – Vác – Visegrad, ca. 36 km

The Danube bend is definitely a delightful part and is called the Hungarian Wachau. Today's bike leg starts at Visegrad with its famous fortress and the ruins of the former palace. You cycle through the picturesque countryside via the Szentendre Peninsula to the baroque village of Vác, which has been influenced by the architects of the Austrian empress Maria Theresia. Via small Hungarian villages you return to Visegrad. In the afternoon shipping to Bratislava.

### Day 6: Bratislava (day of rest)

Arrival at Bratislava in the morning. Today discover the small lively capital of Slovakia. Tip: Enjoy a magnificent panoramic view from the castle and take a ride on a mini train through the enchanting old town. Alternatively, explore the city during a guided bike tour. In the night shipping to Rossatz or Dürnstein (Wachau).

### Day 7: Wachau – Melk – Pöchlarn, ca. 40- 50 km, shipping to Passau

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 small village of Pöchlarn you will board again. After the farewell gala dinner, you start "sailing" back to Passau.

### Day 8: Departure from Passau

Every journey draws to an end. Once again you enjoy on deck the first sunbeams and the peaceful silence of the Danube Valley. Take a last sight at the Schlägener Schlinge ("Great Loop") before you arrive relaxed at Passau. Arrival: approx. at 11 am, disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend to book train connections from approx. 1:30 pm onwards.



# Travel Dates | Prices | Services

## Travel Dates 2024 / From Saturday to Saturday

**Season A:** 13APR – 20APR | 05OCT – 12OCT

**Season B:** 27APR – 04MAY | 28SEP – 05OCT

**Season C:** 11MAY – 18MAY | 25MAY – 01JUN | 01JUN – 08JUN | 08JUN – 15JUN | 15JUN – 22JUN | 13JUL – 20JUL | 20JUL – 27JUL | 17AUG – 24AUG | 24AUG – 31AUG

## Prices per person in Euro

	Main Deck			Upper Deck		
	2-bed Eco*	2-bed-cabin	1-bed cabin	3-bed-cabin	2-bed-cabin	1-bed-cabin
<b>Season A</b>	799.-	949.-	1.249.-	899.-	1.149.-	1.449.-
<b>Season B</b>	899.-	1.049.-	1.349.-	999.-	1.249.-	1.549.-
<b>Season C</b>	999.-	1.149.-	1.449.-	1.099.-	1.349.-	1.649.-

\* Cabins in front and at rear of the ship; perceptive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

## Supplements / Reductions

**Child reduction:** till 13 years 20% in a triple cabin with 2 adults

**2-bed cabin for single use:** 50% (limited quantity, main deck only)

**Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex:** € 89.-

**Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike:** € 199.-

**Bring your own bike / own E-bike:** € 29.- (on request only, limited number)

### Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes und 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included.
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

**Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours:** We recommend to wear a bike helmet. Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling) and, if necessary, your high-visibility vest from home.

**Please note:** In Austria, helmets are compulsory for children under the age of 12, in Slovakia for all cyclists outside built-up areas. High-visibility vests are compulsory in Slovakia and Hungary in poor visibility and at night.

## Services included

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Programme according itinerary from/to Passau
- All passenger fees and port fees
- Captains greeting and Welcome-Drink
- Daily cabin cleaning. Changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary.
- Full meals: 7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cyclists or lunch snack on board (non cyclists), 6x afternoon coffee break, 6x 3-course-dinner and 1x farewell-dinner with farewell-drink
- Daily informational meeting
- Information pack with route book (one per cabin) and GPS tracks
- Tour guide on board

## Services not included

Journey to and from Passau, shuttles, bike rental, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board

## Passenger car parking options in Passau

Parking space inclusive transfer to/from ship **€ 78.-**

Parking garage inclusive transfer to/from ship **€ 92.-**

(registration form in the travel-documents, payable on site)

# Ship's description | Remarks

## MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA

Year of construction 1990 | **Refurbishment** 2015 | **Registry** Slovakia | **Length** 110 m | **Width** 11,20 m | **Draft** 1 m | **Number of Crew** approx. 30 | **Passengers** max. 140

The comfortable MS Prinzessin Katharina provides the right ambience to make you feel at ease. On board the premium ship you can expect classic elegance, a tasteful interior and a friendly crew. Enjoy the special atmosphere and let yourself be spoiled by the good cuisine. On two passenger decks you will find a panoramic restaurant, a comfortable salon, one bar and an inviting foyer, a book corner, a small shop and a massage parlour. On the spacious, partly covered sun deck there are enough deck chairs available.



**Cabins** All 71 cabins are outside cabins and comfortably and tastefully furnished featuring en-suite facilities with shower/WC, hair dryer, air-conditioning, TV, on-board-radio, telephone and a small refrigerator.

**Upper deck** 29 two-bed cabins, 1 triple cabin und 2 single cabins; all cabins have approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup> with French balcony (= floor-to-ceiling windows which can be opened). 2-bed cabins with a sofa bed and a pullman bed (stowed during the day for more comfort). In the triple cabin a 3rd bed is folded down from the wall (max. 80 kg).

**Main deck** 38 two-bed cabins, 1 single cabin (all cabins have approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>) with two sofa beds standing in a right angle and a picture window (not to open). In some cabins in the front and rear part of the ship (category Eco) engine and generator noise may be perceptible.

### Important remarks

**Embarkation** from 4 to 5 pm | **Disembarkation** approx 11:30 am

**Minimum number of participants** 80 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure)

**To bring your own bike** On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck. We exclude any liability for loss, theft and damage - this also applies to damage caused by transportation from shore to ship or vice versa.

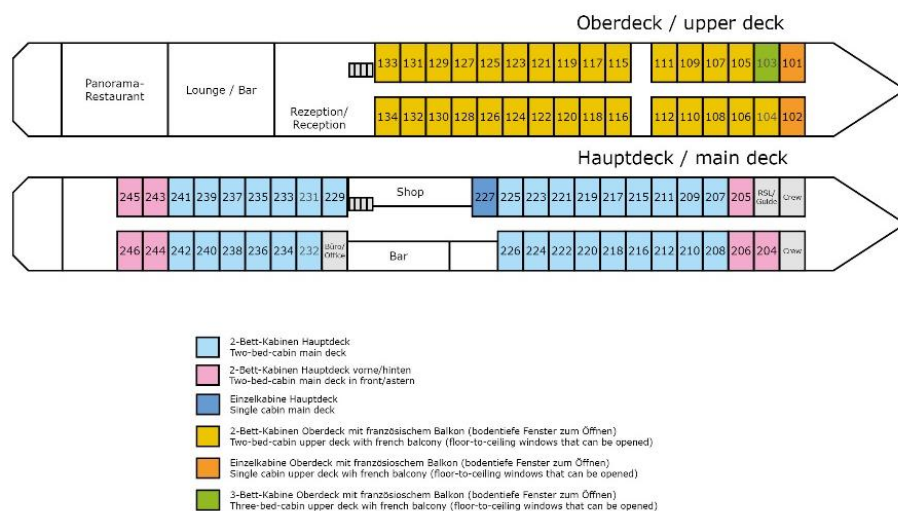
**Excursions** We offer a small excursion program, that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English).

**Luggage** We recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers.

**Schedule and program changes** Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. In case of flood or low tide, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge parts of passages by buses. In extreme situations, the shipping company reserves the right to cancel the journey on short notice. No legal right shall be constituted of both situations. The same applies for officially ordered - previously not announced - repair work on locks or bridges.

**Notes** Please be aware that a cruise ship on the Danube is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during the night. Especially crossing locks and bridges - and the preparation work - may cause noise. If you are sensitive please bring your own ear plugs

**Travel documents** EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy. **This trip is not suitable**



**for guests with reduced mobility. We recommend that you take out a travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.**