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Danube Cycling Route – Austrian success story

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Danube Cycling Route

Most important bike routes in Europe



The river Danube Cycling Route



- length: about 2800 km
- Part of the EuroVelo 6
- Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, (Moldova, Ukraine)

Danube Cycling Route – First part: Germany

- River source to Passau (Austrian border)
- 618 km

- Upper Danube Nature Reserve
- great number of chalk cliffs as well as numerous mountains.



Origin: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schw%C3%A4bisches_Donaumoos#/media/File:Schwaebischesdonaumoos_sophienried_009.jpg



Origin: <https://www.passau.de/>

Danube Cycle Route – Upper Austria

- About 170 km
- River loop Schlägen
- UNESCO World Heritage site



Origin: <http://www.kurzurlaub.at/magazin/oesterreich/oberoesterreich/donauraum-oberoesterreich/die-donauschlinge-bei-schloegen.html>



Origin: <http://www.linz.at/webangebote.asp>

- Linz - capital of the state of Upper Austria

Danube Cycle Route – Lower Austria

- ca. 172 km
- Mostviertel in the West
- Wachau valley



Origin: http://www.genussradler.de/10_tour_wachau.html



Origin: <http://www.donau.com/de/donau-niederoesterreich/>

- „Wachau Cultural Landscape“
- UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites

Danube Cycle Route - Vienna

- ca. 25 km



<http://www.wiener-sport.at/wiener-donauinsel>



Origin: <http://www.seereisenmagazin.de/jahrgang2010/ausgabe-2-2010/017-bilderreise-donau-2.html>

- capital of Austria
- cultural, economic and political centre
- Danube Island (Donauinsel)

Danube Cycle Route – National park „Donau-Auen“



- 93 km² in Vienna and Lower Austria
- one of the largest remaining floodplains of the Danube in Middle Europe

Origin: <http://www.naturland-noe.at/nationalpark-donau-auen>

Danube Cycle Route - Bratislava - Budapest

Bratislava



Origin: http://www.ddsg-blue-danube.at/de/linie_international_twin_city_liner_nach_bratislava

- capitals of Slovakia and Hungary
- nearby the river
- with a rich history



Budapest

Origin: <http://www.austinskiers.org/ImperialCities>

Danube Cycle Route – The Iron Gate - Donaudelta

The Iron Gate

- gorge on the River Danube
- forms part of the boundary between Serbia and Romania



Origin: <http://www.welt.de/reise/nah/article134350625/Wo-sich-die-Donau-wild-in-ihrem-Flussbett-waelzte.html>



Origin: <http://reisen.transylvaniatravel.net/aktivreisen/reise602.html>

Danube delta

- Danube estuary
- situated in Romania and Ukraine
- second largest river delta in Europe
- best preserved delta on the continent
- part of the World Heritage Sites

The Cycle Route along the river Danube

- was established in 1984
- 325 km from Passau (German border) to Hainburg (Slovakian border)
- second most used Cycle Path in Europe
- awarded with ★★★★★ by the ADFC (Allgemeiner Deutscher Fahrrad-Club)



<http://www.fahr-radwege.com/Donauradweg>



<http://www.donau-oesterreich.at/donauradweg/donauradweg-karte/#zc=8,14.20000,48.20000>

The Cycling Route along the Danube

- gradient: continuously flat
- the trail is in a good to very good condition
- is primary on side roads for bicycles – only some sections are on main roads
- Ferries to cross the danube



<http://www.fahr-radwege.com/Donauradweg>



Origin: <http://www.bodenseepeter.de/2014/06/25/donauradweg/>

The Cycle Route along the river Danube

- Cyclists along the Danube: 687.000 in 2014
- Important factor for tourism and economy
- 100.000.000 € Economic value added
(all expenses of cyclists along Danube in one year)



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Origin: <http://www.weisser-hase.de/donauradweg-passau/>





Origin: <http://www.bensersiel.de/camping/der-campingplatz/auszeichnungen.html>



Origin: http://www.bahn.de/p/view/service/fahrrad/mitnahme/08rad_nahverkehr.shtml

- certified cycle friendly restaurants and hotels

- Danube Valley train (Donautalbahn)
- possibility to have a mix of journeys by train as well as by bike



- bike sharing system



Origin: <http://www.erkelenz.de/de/tourismus/tourismus/E-Bike-Ladestationen.html>

- several charging stations for E-bikes along the bike path

The Danube Cycle Route





Thank you!

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