



**Danube Cruise to the Iron Gate**

From Eur **2499,-**

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## By Boat & Bike from Passau to Belgrade

**15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS, APPROX. 385 – 415 KM**  
**BOOKING CODE: OE-S-PB14LI**

**DAILY ROUTE LENGTH** ●●●●●  
**TOPOGRAPHY** ●●●●●

### Your tour

Six countries and four capitals in 15 days? This cycle and boat tour, which starts in Passau on the German-Austrian border and takes you to the Iron Gate - one of the most impressive breakthrough valleys on the Danube - between Serbia and Romania, makes it possible. And back, of course. You can relax on your bike while your ship, the MS Lisabelle - a superior cruise ship with an exclusive atmosphere - takes you through the beautiful landscapes along the second longest river in Europe, sometimes over long distances.

### Ship description

- 3 passenger decks with double beds (twin)
- 76 outside cabins, approx. 11 – 14 m<sup>2</sup>
- Cabin equipment: bathroom with shower / WC, safe, hairdryer, satellite TV, air conditioning
- Languages on board: German, English
- Main deck: non-opening windows
- Middle deck: non-opening panoramic windows
- Upper deck: French balcony, floor-to-ceiling windows (can be opened)

### Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Passau, Passau – Engelhartzell (boat)
<b>Day 2</b>	Engelhartzell – Brandstatt, approx. 45 km, Brandstatt – Devin (boat)
<b>Day 3</b>	Devin – Bratislava, approx. 15 – 45 km, Bratislava – Budapest (boat)
<b>Day 4</b>	Rest day in Budapest or excursion to Szentendre, approx. 50 km, Budapest – Baja (boat)
<b>Day 5</b>	Baja – Mohács, approx. 35 km, Mohács – Belgrade (boat)
<b>Day 6</b>	Rest day in Belgrade
<b>Day 7</b>	Cataracts Route / Iron Gate National Park (rest day)
<b>Day 8</b>	Novi Sad – Ilok, approx. 45 km, Ilok – Batina (boat)
<b>Day 9</b>	Batina – Mohács, approx. 50 km, Mohács – Kalocsa (boat)
<b>Day 10</b>	Kalocsa – Solt, approx. 50 km, Solt – Donauknien (boat)
<b>Day 11</b>	Donauknien – Esztergom, approx. 50 km, Esztergom – Vienna (boat)
<b>Day 12</b>	Stay in Vienna with excursions
<b>Day 13</b>	Rest day in Vienna, Vienna – Wachau (boat)
<b>Day 14</b>	Wachau / Krems – Melk, approx. 40 km, Melk – Passau (boat)
<b>Day 15</b>	Individual departure from Passau



### Services

- 14 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Welcome drink, coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Bed linen and towels are provided (no bath towels)
- Onboard musician
- Gala Dinner with Farewell Cocktail
- Travel documents (1 x per cabin) and route navigation via app
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- Full board (14 x breakfast, 13 x lunch / packed lunch, 14 x dinner, 14 x midnight snack)

### Not included services

- Admission fees and excursions
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew

### Travel time

02.05.	27.06.	01.08.	26.09.
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### Basic price per person

Double cabin main deck	2499,-
Surcharge middle deck	399,-
Surcharge upper deck	849,-



### Additional services per person

24-gear unisex bike*	199,-
Electric bike / Pedelec*	519,-
Surcharge guided bike tours	555,-

\*including rental bike insurance

### Additional night prices per person

Passau 4* Hotel DBL / BB	85,-
Passau 4* Hotel SGL / BB	119,-

### Notes

- Minimum number of participants to be reached up to 28 days before departure: 90 persons
- Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.

## Child reduction on basic price

This trip is possible with children only on request.

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### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

### Additional note

- All descents also available as a guided tour, from 10 people (max. 18 people)
- All bookings are on request.
- The parking space is included when you bring your own bike or e-bike.
- Own bikes + own e-bikes:
- Own weight when loading and unloading max. 23 kg (without battery -> will be (dis)assembled on land).
- Batteries cannot be charged directly on the bike
- Rental pannier + lock available
- Wearing a bicycle helmet is compulsory in Slovakia! This applies to adults outside of built-up areas and to children up to the age of 15 in general. At night or in poor visibility, reflectors on clothing or high-visibility vests are also mandatory.
- In Austria, helmets are compulsory for children up to the age of 12.
- Surcharge double cabin for single use: on request

### Equipment of our rental bikes

- Replacement tube (1 x per room)
- Bike lock
- Handlebar bag
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

### Journey to Passau

- Nearest airports: Munich
- Train station: Passau

### Parking in Passau

- Fenced, uncovered parking lot, costs approx. 85 € or parking garage, costs approx. 105 €, incl. transfer from/to the ship, payable on site, pre-booking required. You will receive the registration form for this with your travel documents.

### Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked cabin) consists of: Voucher, travel information with description of the daily stages
  - Travel document package on board and arrival information in advance by e-mail
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## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Passau, Passau – Engelhartzell (boat)

You start the great cruise on the Danube by bike and ship in the three-river city of Passau, where the Danube, Inn and Ilz flow together. Arrive early enough to marvel at the world's largest church organ in St. Stephan's Cathedral and take a stroll through the charming old town. You can check in on the ship until 16.00 and it's time to cast off as early as 17.00!

### Day 2: Engelhartzell – Brandstatt, approx. 45 km, Brandstatt – Devin (boat)

Off on your bike! Before turning your back on Engelhartzell, take a short detour to Engelszell Abbey, the only Trappist monastery in Austria. Continue on to the Donauschlinge near Schlögen. From one of the lookout points you can observe the Danube turning 180 degrees quite wonderfully. Only a few kilometers away you will reach Brandstatt. Stretch your legs a bit with a stroll through the historic town center before heading to Bratislava overnight in the afternoon.

### Day 3: Devin – Bratislava, approx. 15 – 45 km, Bratislava – Budapest (boat)

The next stage by bike takes you from Devin to the lively metropolis of Bratislava the next day. Experience the unique atmosphere of the Slovakian capital on a tour of the city. The very next morning you will reach Budapest by ship.

### Day 4: Rest day in Budapest or excursion to Szentendre, approx. 50 km, Budapest – Baja (boat)

The next capital city is waiting for you! In the morning you will already catch sight of some of Budapest's famous buildings, which are located directly on the banks of the Danube. Upon arrival, join a city tour (not included) or explore the Hungarian metropolis on your own. Visit the Parliament building, the Fishermen's Bastion and the Castle Palace and enjoy typical Hungarian specialties. If you feel like biking, we recommend a bike tour to the artist town of Szentendre. Overnight the ship brings you to Baja.

### Day 5: Baja – Mohács, approx. 35 km, Mohács – Belgrade (boat)

From the small town of Baja, nationally known for its fish soup, Bajai Halászlé, you will travel along the Danube through peaceful river landscapes and past fields. Before reaching Mohács, you will cross the river by ferry. The place became famous because of two important battles in the 16th and 17th century. Likewise, the Busójárás, a carnival festival, attracts countless visitors every year. In the early evening, your tour by bike and ship leaves Passau for Belgrade.

### Day 6: Rest day in Belgrade

In the morning you will reach Belgrade. If you like, join a city tour by bike and by bus (not included). Or you can simply explore the capital of Serbia individually. Visit Belgrade Castle, located at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers. Stroll through the extensive grounds and enjoy the view of the city and the rivers again and again. Or how

about a detour to the artists' quarter Skadarlija with its small galleries and restaurants? In the late evening, the ship sets sail towards the Iron Gate.

#### **Day 7: Cataracts Route / Iron Gate National Park (rest day)**

Today you will spend the day on the ship. Enjoy the passing landscapes and sit back and relax. The Danube cuts through the Romanian Carpathians and the foothills of the Balkan Mountains on this route. With the Iron Gate you reach one of the most famous breakthrough valleys of the Danube. There is something wildly romantic about ancient castles and monuments, dense forests and steep gorges passing you by. So beautiful and yet so eerie - who doesn't get a shiver down their spine?

#### **Day 8: Novi Sad – Ilok, approx. 45 km, Ilok – Batina (boat)**

In the morning you will reach Novi Sad. The Petrovaradin Fortress on the right bank of the Danube is particularly worth seeing. It was the most important fortress in Europe in the 17th century. Remarkable is the inverted clock in the clock tower, where the big hand shows the hour, the small one the minutes. Back on the bike, we continue along the Danube and the Fruška Gora National Park to Ilok, the easternmost town in Croatia. It is a center of regional wine growing. If you like, you will go by slow train to a wine tasting (not included). In the late evening we will take a boat to Batina in Croatia.

#### **Day 9: Batina – Mohács, approx. 50 km, Mohács – Kalocsa (boat)**

Welcome to the border triangle of Croatia, Hungary and Serbia! Starting from Batina we cycle not far from the Danube through the Duna-Dráva Nemzeti Park. The national park is home to rare plant and animal species, some of which are found only here. Stop along the way to visit the memorial commemorating the momentous Battle of Mohács in 1526. In the evening, the ship leaves Mohács and heads for the Hungarian town of Kalocsa.

#### **Day 10: Kalocsa – Solt, approx. 50 km, Solt – Donauknie (boat)**

Enjoy the passing landscapes until you reach Kalocsa, the capital of paprika, in the morning. Mostly available in ground form, it is an ideal souvenir to take home. Likewise, Kalocsa is known for its colorful embroideries. On the bike you will ride through the seemingly endless expanses of the Puszta. On the way there are always opportunities to cool off in the Danube. Leisurely you will reach Solt. There you have the opportunity to watch a show of the Csikós, Hungarian horse herders (not included). Overnight the ship takes you towards the Danube bend.

#### **Day 11: Donauknie – Esztergom, approx. 50 km, Esztergom – Vienna (boat)**

On the tour by bike and boat from Passau, you will reach the Danube Bend in the north of Hungary in the morning. The Danube runs here in an almost right-angled bend and squeezes through steep mountain slopes. You will cycle briskly through small farming villages. Soon you catch sight of the imposing dome of Esztergom Cathedral. It is one of the largest churches in the world and looks back on a history of more than 1,000 years. In the afternoon you will take the ship overnight to Vienna.

#### **Day 12: Stay in Vienna with excursions**

After the eventful last days, relaxation is on the agenda today. Enjoy the view of the natural Danube floodplains and the approaching skyline of the Austrian capital on the ship while entering Vienna. After arriving in Vienna, get on your bike and explore the elongated Danube Island in the middle of the river, take a trip to the nearby Klosterneuburg Abbey or go for a hike through the vineyards of the Kahlenberg - panoramic views of Vienna included. In the evening you have the opportunity to attend a waltz and operetta concert at Schönbrunn Palace (not included).

#### **Day 13: Rest day in Vienna, Vienna – Wachau (boat)**

Today the ship stays in place until the evening, so you can explore the Austrian capital at your own leisure. Discover the idyllic old town with its many historic buildings and monuments as well as beautiful squares and lovingly restored houses. Indulge your palate with delicious specialities in one of the many traditional coffee houses before returning to the ship. In the late evening, you will sail overnight in the Wachau to Dürnstein or Rossatz.

#### **Day 14: Wachau / Krems – Melk, approx. 40 km, Melk – Passau (boat)**

After leaving Vienna yesterday evening, you will reach the Wachau in the early morning with the small town of Krems. The landscape of the Wachau is characterized by wine terraces, castles and monasteries - simply wonderful! Stop in a Heurigen in the village of Spitz and taste different wines (not included). Following the course of the Danube, you will reach Melk. Already from a distance you can see the Melk Abbey. The Benedictine abbey is considered the landmark of the Wachau and impresses with one of the most beautiful baroque ensembles in Europe. In the afternoon, your ship sets off on its way back to Passau.

#### **Day 15: Individual departure from Passau**

Once again you will enjoy the morning silence of this impressive river on your journey by bike and boat on the Danube, before you reach Passau at around 11:00 am. After disembarking, you will start your individual journey home.

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# Boat descriptions

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## **MS Lisabelle**

The MS Lisabelle is an elegant premium river cruise ship that combines comfort, relaxation and stylish travel on the Danube. On board, you can enjoy a peaceful, friendly atmosphere – whether in the bright panoramic lounge with bar or on the spacious sun deck with 360-degree views. The light-filled restaurant spoils you with culinary specialities from the Danube countries. The attentive crew provides excellent service as you glide through impressive landscapes. The 76 outside cabins are spacious (11 – 14 m<sup>2</sup>) and feature elegant, comfortable interiors. The standard and comfort cabins have two single beds, while the superior cabins have a separable double bed.

### **Facts about the ship:**

- 76 cabins on 3 decks, approx. 11 – 14 m<sup>2</sup>
- 10 outside cabins on the main deck (standard), windows cannot be opened
- 18 outside cabins on the middle deck (comfort), non-opening panoramic windows
- 48 outside cabins on the middle and upper decks (superior), French balcony
- Cabin amenities: Bathroom with shower/washbasin & WC, air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, WiFi
- Ship facilities: Restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows, panorama bar, lounge, sun deck with 360-degree view, shaded seating area, chess board, library, public TV area
- Year of construction: 2000
- Last renovation: 2019
- Length: 110 m
- Width: 11.40 m
- Maximum occupancy: 152 people
- Languages on board: German, English