

The German Danube



The complete German Danube in two Weeks

FROM EUR **979,-**



DANUBE XXL

- Duration: 14 days / 13 nights
- Start / Destination: Donau-eschingen / Passau
- Length: approx. 615 km
- Daily route length: ●●○○○
- Topography: ●●○○○
- Travel documents available in: DE / EN / NL / FR / IT / ES
- Accommodation: 3* level
- Booking code: DO-DP13

Itinerary

Your tour:

This long bike tour takes you along the entire German section of the Danube. From the place where the Brigach and Breg rivers merge in Donaueschingen to the Austrian border near Passau your tour takes you right through South Germany. On the route you will see lovely towns and stunning countryside.

Day 1: Individual arrival in Donaueschingen

In Donaueschingen, the Brigach and Breg rivers merge to form the Danube. However the Romans once thought that the spring in the castle gardens was the source of the Danube. You can still visit the source of the Danube in Donaueschingen today, right in the park of a very impressive castle, where the Fürstenberg family once lived.

Day 2: Donaueschingen – Mühlheim / Fridingen, approx. 45 / 55 km

The first section is a quick cycle to Immendingen. This is where the Danube sinks into the chalky stone for some 155 days of the year to flow through an underground cave system south to the Aachtopf, Germany's biggest spring. In Tuttlingen, the valley narrows and it's now not far to today's destination.

Day 3: Fridingen – Sigmaringen / Scheer, approx. 45 – 55 km

The chalkstone rocks rise some 100 metres above the cycle path which snakes its way through the rocks here, following the river. You will keep seeing old castles on the rocks above - or rather what remains of them. In Sigmaringen there's another magnificent castle to be discovered, Hohenzollern Castle is still lived in by a noble family and you can go an interesting guided tour if you like.

Day 4: Sigmaringen – Obermarchtal / Ehingen, approx. 50 – 70 km

You follow the course of the river at a leisurely pace to just after Hundersingen, where you should take a break at the open air museum in Heuneburg and find out all about the life of the Celts. In today's destination, Obermarchtal, a Baroque treasure waits to be discovered - the former monastery can be visited.

Day 5: Ehingen – Blaubeuren – Ulm, approx. 45 – 65 km

Today you cycle along the original course of the Danube, through the valley to Blaubeuren with its famous Blautopf - an intense Karst spring and the start of a huge system of caves. To shorten this section you can cycle directly along the Danube to Ulm - and thus save about 10 km. Your destination is Ulm with the highest church tower in the world! It obviously provides great views.

Day 6: Ulm – Lauingen / Dillingen, approx. 50 / 55 km

Today's section features a succession of little towns, one prettier than the next. You pedal away from the river to raised ground, safe from flooding. Lauingen is known as the town of towers and you will see Dillingen from afar - thanks to its stately castle.

Day 7: Dillingen – Donauwörth, approx. 45 / 40 km

Most of the towns here are away from the river on raised, flood-safe ground. Cycle at a leisurely pace through the Danube meadowland to Donauwörth, situated on the mouth of the Wörnitz. One of the key trade routes between Nuremberg and Augsburg crossed the Danube here.

Day 8: Donauwörth – Ingolstadt, approx. 65 km

You cycle along well-established paths through the foothills of the Franconian Alb to Neuburg, where we can recommend taking a stroll through the charming old town or a visit to the castle, towering magnificently over the town. Today's destination is Ingolstadt with its old fortifications. It is also where the Bavarian Purity Law for beer was passed over 500 years ago.

Day 9: Ingolstadt – Kelheim, approx. 55 km + boat trip

You cycle through Danube meadowland, almost entirely right alongside the river, to Bad Gögging. Mother Nature has a special treat in store a little further on - the Danube Gap at Weltenburg Monastery, where the Danube curves its way through massive Jura rocks. Fortify yourself in the monastery beer garden before catching your boat, which takes you through the Gap to Kelheim.

Itinerary / Services / Dates / Prices

Day 10: Kelheim – Regensburg, approx. 40 km

Before you set off to Regensburg, it's worth making the effort to cycle up to the Hall of Liberation where you have incredible views of the area. Continue at a more leisurely pace on to Regensburg, where you reach the most northerly point of the Danube. This town is considered Germany's best-preserved city and has been declared a UNESCO Heritage Site.

Day 11: Regensburg – Straubing, approx. 50 km

The Danube curves its way gracefully through the wide expanse of the countryside and you cycle alongside. Take a short break at Walhalla, which King Ludwig I had built, before setting off for today's destination at Straubing, the capital of the "Gäuboden" region. Every year in summer, the popular Gäubodenfest is celebrated here.

Day 12: Straubing – Deggendorf, approx. 40 km

Soon after setting off, you reach Bogen, which is famous for the finding of a statue of the pregnant Madonna. Continuing on you go through Pfelling and Mariaposching to finally arrive at the gate to the Bavarian Forest: Deggendorf, Gothic and Baroque characterise the old town.

Day 13: Deggendorf – Passau, approx. 60 km

Today's route includes the small historic town of Vilshofen, which you might have heard of in connection with the CSU Chairman, politician Strauss' Ash Wednesday speech. You will soon reach your destination of the three-rivers town and former diocesan town of Passau. Let your tour come to a pleasant end with a walk through the old town.

Day 14: Individual Abreise oder Verlängerung

After breakfast, you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

Services

- 13 nights with breakfast in the local 3* category
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Passau, no limit on number of pieces, max. 20 kg/piece
- Entrance to Sigmaringen Castle incl. guided tour
- Entrance Minster Tower Ulm
- Entrance Museum Mobile Ingolstadt
- Boat trip Weltenburg – Kelheim incl. bike
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- 7 day Service Hotline

Not included

- City or visitor's tax (if payable)

Note

- We do not offer half board (dinner) on this tour

Dates 2020

Daily arrival 09.04. – 11.10.2020

Season A	13.04. – 24.04.	01.10. – 11.10.		
Season B	09.04. – 12.04.	25.04. – 15.05.	14.06. – 26.06.	13.09. – 30.09.
Season C	16.05. – 28.05.	01.06. – 05.06.	27.06. – 03.07.	23.08. – 12.09.
Season D	29.05. – 31.05.	06.06. – 13.06.	04.07. – 22.08.	

- For pricing purposes, the season is dictated by the arrival date.
- **Close-out dates:** 28.07. – 07.08.2020 (Gäubodenfest Straubing)

Prices 2020 in EUR

Basic price double room / breakfast	Suggested retail price
Season A	979,-
Season B	1179,-
Season C	1279,-
Season D	1299,-
Additional fee single room	279,-

Prices

Extra nights

Per person in EUR	Suggested retail price
Double room / breakfast Donaueschingen	45,-
Single room / breakfast Donaueschingen	75,-
Double room / breakfast Mühlheim / Fridingen	45,-
Single room / breakfast Mühlheim / Fridingen	69,-
Double room / breakfast Sigmaringen / Scheer	49,-
Single room / breakfast Sigmaringen / Scheer	75,-
Double room / breakfast Obermarchtal / Ehingen	45,-
Single room / breakfast Obermarchtal / Ehingen	69,-
Double room / breakfast Ulm	55,-
Single room / breakfast Ulm	85,-
Double room / breakfast Donauwörth	55,-
Single room / breakfast Donauwörth	85,-
Double room / breakfast Ingolstadt	55,-
Single room / breakfast Ingolstadt	85,-
Double room / breakfast Kelheim	45,-
Single room / breakfast Kelheim	69,-
Double room / breakfast Regensburg	55,-
Single room / breakfast Regensburg	85,-
Double room / breakfast Straubing	59,-
Single room / breakfast Straubing	95,-
Double room / breakfast Deggendorf	59,-
Single room / breakfast Deggendorf	95,-
Double room / breakfast Passau	69,-
Single room / breakfast Passau	105,-

→ An additional night does not shift the day of arrival.

Rental bikes prices in EUR

	Suggested retail price per bike
8-gear rental bike (back-pedal brakes, internal gear hub)	79,-
27-gear rental bike (freewheel, calliper brakes, derailleur gears)	79,-
E-bike (freewheel, internal gear hub)	195,-
Children's bike	39,-
Teenager's bikes	39,-
Children's trailer* / Weehoo*	39,-
Child seat*	free

*Can only be booked in addition to a rental bike.

Child reduction on basic price

Age	Reduction
0 – 5 years	100 %
6 – 13 years	50 %
14 – 17 years	25 %

- Reductions apply for accommodation in rooms with two full-paying guests.
- No reductions from the age of 18.
- Multi-bed rooms are often double rooms with a camp bed or sofa-bed.
- No quintuple rooms possible!

Further information

Brief information

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- **Topography** ●●○○○
 - **3rd day** ●●○○○
 - **2nd day and from 4th day** ●○○○○
- **Travel documents available in:** DE / EN / NL / FR / IT / ES

Booking code

- DO-DP13: 3* level

→ **Booking code must be stated in every booking!**

Arrival in Donaueschingen

- Closest airports: Zurich, Stuttgart
- Train station: Donaueschingen

Parking in Donaueschingen

- Free parking at "Stadtmühle", "Realschule" and "Fürstenberg-Gymnasium".
- Hotel car parks (available only in some hotels, with costs, details in the travel documents)

Return travel to Donaueschingen

- Self-organised by train, several connections per day, duration approx. 6 – 8 hours, 2 – 3 train changes

Twin rooms / separate beds

- Available only sporadically.
- We handle requests for twin rooms as **non-binding requests**.
- **In case twin rooms are booking condition it must be clearly communicated as such when booking!**

Availability

- All bookings are on request!
- For this tour we provide an availability link
(The link is updated regularly, best to save it as a bookmark in your browser)

Buchbarkeit

Bitte wählen Sie eine Reise aus: BO-VA4 (Fahrradtour um den Bodensee für Sportliche)

Bitte auswählen:

März 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-B11 (Radurlaub am Bodensee)
April 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-KK7-sp (Der Donau-Bodensee-Radweg)
Mai 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-KK8 (Vom Bodensee zur Donau und ins Allgäu mit dem Rad)
Juni 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-KN5 (Stern-Radtouren ab Konstanz am Bodensee)
Juli 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-O6 (Familien Radreise am Bodensee)
August 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-VA4 (Fahrradtour um den Bodensee für Sportliche)
September 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-VA6a (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie A)
Oktober 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-VA6b (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie B)
						BO-VA7 (Die Bodensee-Radtour bis zum Rheinfall)
						BY-AT6-EF (Der Altmühltal-Radweg)
						BY-AT7a (Der Altmühltal-Radweg, Kategorie A)
						BY-AT7b (Der Altmühltal-Radweg, Kategorie B)

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■ Sperrtermin

Exemplary hotel list

Donaueschingen	
Hotel zum Hirschen	www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de
Hotel-Restaurant Waldblick	www.waldblick-aufen.de
Mühlheim / Fridingen	
Hotel Gasthaus Sonne, Fridingen	www.sonne-fridingen.de
Gasthaus Hirsch, Mühlheim	www.hirsch-muehlheim.de
Sigmaringen / Scheer	
Hotel Garni Jägerhof, Sigmaringen	www.jaegerhof-sigmaringen.de
Hotel Restaurant Donaublick, Scheer	www.donaublick.de
Obermarchtal / Ehingen	
Gasthof Berghofstüble, Obermarchtal	www.berghofstueble.de
Gasthof zum Ochsen, Ehingen	www.hotel-zum-ochsen-ehingen.de
Ulm	
Akzent Hotel Roter Löwe	www.akzent.de
Hotel am Rathaus	www.rathausulm.de
Lauingen / Dillingen	
Hotel Kannenkeller, Lauingen	www.hotel.kannenkeller.de
Donauwörth	
Hotel Donau	www.hoteldonau.de
Parkhotel Donauwörth	www.parkhotel-donauwoerth.de
Ingolstadt	
Altstadthotel	www.altstadthotel-ingolstadt.de
Hotel Adler	www.hotel-adler-ingolstadt.de
Kelheim	
Gasthof Weißes Lamm	www.weisses-lamm-kelheim.de
Gasthaus Zum Schwan	www.gasthaus-zum-schwan.com
Regensburg	
Hotel Münchner Hof	www.muenchner-hof.de
Hotel Bischofshof am Dom	www.hotel-bischofshof.de
Straubing	
Hotel Theresientor	www.hotel-theresientor.de
Deggendorf	
Hotel-Gasthof Höttl	www.hoettl.de
Hotel Donauhof	www.hotel-donauhof.de
Passau	
Centro Hotel Weisser Hase	www.weisser-hase.de
Hotel Residenz	www.residenz-passau.de