

# The Danube challenge: Donaueschingen – Passau



Easy and fast cycling along  
the German Danube

FROM EUR **679,-**



**ATHLETIC TOUR**

- Start / Destination: Donaueschingen / Passau
- Duration: 10 days / 9 nights
- Length: approx. 600 km
- Daily route length: ●●●●●
- Topography: ●○○○○
- Travel documents available in: DE / EN / NL / FR / IT / ES
- Accommodation: 3\* level
- Booking code: DO-DP9-sp

# Itinerary

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## Your tour:

More athletically inclined cyclists will explore the entire length of the German section of the Danube from where it starts at the Schlossquelle to the German Austrian border in Passau. Enjoy the variety of countryside and large cities, impressive cultural monuments and the charm of the area's small villages.

### 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 today.

### Day 2: Donaueschingen – Fridingen, approx. 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 – Obermarchtal, approx. 90 km

The chalkstone rocks rise some 100 metres above the cycle path which snakes its way through the rocks here, following the river. In Sigmaringen there's Hohenzollern Castle to explore. It's still lived in today by a noble family! In today's destination, Obermarchtal, a Baroque treasure waits to be discovered - the former monastery can be visited.

### Day 4: Obermarchtal – Blaubeuren – Ulm, approx. 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 5: Ulm – Donauwörth, approx. 90 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. Dillingen can be seen from afar - thanks to its stately castle. You cycle through the Danube meadows to Donauwörth, where the former important trading route between Nuremberg and Augsburg crosses the Danube.

### Day 6: 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 7: Ingolstadt – Regensburg, approx. 85 km + boat trip

Mother Nature has a special treat in store: 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. Today's destination, Regensburg, is considered Germany's best-preserved city.

### Day 8: Regensburg – Deggendorf, approx. 90 km

The Danube curves its way gracefully through the wide expanse of the countryside and you cycle alongside. In Straubing, the capital of the "Gäuboden" region, take a break before tackling the last few kilometres of the day. You finally arrive at the gate to the Bavarian Forest: Deggendorf, Gothic and Baroque characterise the old town.

### Day 9: 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 10: Individual departure or extension of stay

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

# Services / Dates / Prices

## Services

- 9 nights with breakfast in the local 3\* category
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Passau, no limit on the number of pieces, max. 20 kg / piece
- 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.

## Prices 2020 in EUR

Basic price double room / breakfast	Suggested retail price
Season A	679,-
Season B	799,-
Season C	849,-
Season D	899,-
Additional fee single room	225,-

## Extra nights

Per person in EUR	Suggested retail price
Double room / breakfast Donaueschingen	45,-
Single room / breakfast Donaueschingen	75,-
Double room / breakfast Fridingen	45,-
Single room / breakfast Fridingen	69,-
Double room / breakfast Obermarchtal	45,-
Single room / breakfast Obermarchtal	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 Regensburg	75,-
Single room / breakfast Regensburg	109,-
Double room / breakfast Deggendorf	59,-
Single room / breakfast Deggendorf	95,-
Double room / breakfast Passau	65,-
Single room / breakfast Passau	95,-

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

## Rental bikes prices in EUR

	Suggested retail price per bike
27-gear rental bike (freewheel, calliper brakes, derailleur gears)	79,-
E-bike (freewheel, internal gear hub)	195,-

## Children discount

- Because of the challenging sections, we do not recommend this tour for children.

# Further information

## Brief information

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- **Destination:** Passau
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- **Topography** ●●○○○
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## Booking code

- DO-DP9-sp: 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)

März 2018	1	2	3	4	5	
April 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-B11 (Radurlaub am Bodensee)
Mai 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-KK7-sp (Der Donau-Bodensee-Radweg)
Juni 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-KK8 (Vom Bodensee zur Donau und ins Allgäu mit dem Rad)
Juli 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-KN5 (Stern-Radtouren ab Konstanz am Bodensee)
August 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-O6 (Familien Radreise am Bodensee)
September 2018	1	2	3	4	5	BO-VA4 (Fahrradtour um den Bodensee für Sportliche)
						BO-VA6a (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie A)
						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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# Exemplary hotel list

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## **Donaueschingen**

Hotel zum Hirschen	<a href="http://www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de">www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de</a>
Hotel-Restaurant Waldblick	<a href="http://www.waldblick-aufen.de">www.waldblick-aufen.de</a>

## **Fridingen**

Gasthaus Jägerhaus	<a href="http://www.jaegerhaus.de">www.jaegerhaus.de</a>
Hotel Gasthaus Sonne	<a href="http://www.sonne-fridingen.de">www.sonne-fridingen.de</a>

## **Obermarchtal**

Gasthof Berghofstüble	<a href="http://www.berghofstueble.de">www.berghofstueble.de</a>
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## **Ulm**

Akzent Hotel Roter Löwe	<a href="http://www.akzent.de">www.akzent.de</a>
Hotel am Rathaus	<a href="http://www.rathausulm.de">www.rathausulm.de</a>

## **Donauwörth**

Hotel Donau	<a href="http://www.hoteldonau.de">www.hoteldonau.de</a>
Parkhotel Donauwörth	<a href="http://www.parkhotel-donauwoerth.de">www.parkhotel-donauwoerth.de</a>

## **Ingolstadt**

Altstadthotel	<a href="http://www.altstadthotel-ingolstadt.de">www.altstadthotel-ingolstadt.de</a>
Hotel Adler	<a href="http://www.hotel-adler-ingolstadt.de">www.hotel-adler-ingolstadt.de</a>

## **Regensburg**

Hotel Münchner Hof	<a href="http://www.muenchner-hof.de">www.muenchner-hof.de</a>
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## **Deggendorf**

Hotel-Gasthof Höttl	<a href="http://www.hoetl.de">www.hoetl.de</a>
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## **Passau**

Hotel Weisser Hase	<a href="http://www.weisser-hase.de">www.weisser-hase.de</a>
Hotel Residenz	<a href="http://www.residenz-passau.de">www.residenz-passau.de</a>

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