The Danube challenge: Donaueschingen – Regensburg







ATHLETIC TOUR

- → Start / Destination: Donaueschingen / Regensburg
- → Duration: 8 days / 7 nights
- → Length: approx. 450 km
- → Daily route length: ●●●●
- → Topography: ●●000
- → Travel documents available in: DE / EN / NL / FR / IT / ES
- → Accommodation: 2* / 3* level
- → Booking code: DO-DR7-sp

Itinerary



Your tour:

The more athletic cyclists will become acquainted with the major part of the German Danube on this tour: from the castle spring to the most northerly lying town on the Danube. Enjoy the variety of countryside and large cities, impressive cultural monuments and the charm of the area's small villages. Despite this longer section, you still have time to enjoy the regional delicacies.

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 – 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 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. This town is considered Germany's best-preserved city and has been declared a UNESCO Heritage Site.

Day 8: Individual departure or extension of stay

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



Services / Dates / Prices

Services

- → 7 nights with breakfast in the local 2* / 3* category
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Regensburg, 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

Dates 2020

Not included

→ City or visitor's tax (if payable)

Note

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

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.	01.0605.06.	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	529,-	
Season B	629,-	
Season C	679,-	
Season D	699,-	
Additional fee single room	175,-	

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,-	

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

Rental bikes prices in EUR

	Suggested retail price per bike
27-gear rental bike	79,-
(freewheel, calliper brakes, derailleur gears)	
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:** Regensburg
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- → Topography ●●○○○
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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	
April 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-B11 (Radurlaub am Bodensee)	
Mai 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-KK7-sp (Der Donau-Bodensee-Radweg)	
Juni 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-KK8 (Vom Bodensee zur Donau und ins Allgäu mit dem Rad)	
Juli 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-KN5 (Stern-Radtouren ab Konstanz am Bodensee)	
August 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-O6 (Familien Radreise am Bodensee)	
September 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-VA4 (Fahrradtour um den Bodensee für Sportliche)	
Oktober 2018 1 2 3 4	BO-VA6a (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie A)	
	BO-VA6b (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie B)	
auf Anfrage buchbar	BO-VA7 (Die Bodensee-Radtour bis zum Rheinfall)	
Sperrtermin	BY-AT6-EF (Der Altmühltal-Radweg)	
_	BY-AT7a (Der Altmühltal-Radweg, Kategorie A)	
AUSDRUCKEN	BY-AT7b (Der Altmühltal-Radweg, Kategorie B)	

Booking code

- → DO-DR7-sp: 2* / 3* level
- → Booking code must be stated in every booking!



Exemplary hotel list

Donaueschingen	
Hotel zum Hirschen	www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de
Hotel-Restaurant Waldblick	www.waldblick-aufen.de
Fridingen	
Gasthaus Jägerhaus	www.jaegerhaus.de
Hotel Gasthaus Sonne	www.sonne-fridingen.de
Obermarchtal	
Gasthof Berghofstüble	www.berghofstüble.de
Ulm	
Akzent Hotel Roter Löwe	www.akzent.de
Hotel am Rathaus	www.rathausulm.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
Regensburg	
Hotel Münchner Hof	www.muenchner-hof.de