

## Bike and Barge Danube: Passau - Bratislava - Vienna - Passau

### MS Theodor Körner

#### Characteristics:

*Operator:* Boat-Bike Tours

*Tourtype:* individual

*Children:* yes

*Regions:* Bavaria, Bratislava, Danube, Inn, Krems, Lower Austria, Passau, Upper Austria, Vienna, Wachau

*Countries:* Austria, Germany, Slovakia

#### Benefits:

- 7 nights in outside cabin with shower/toilet and air-conditioning in the booked category
- Program according to the description from/to Passau
- Captains greeting and welcome cocktail
- Full board: rich breakfast, lunch/lunch package, dinner (2/3 dishes to choose from), afternoon coffee break, late night snack
- Bed linen and towels on board
- daily cleaning of the cabin
- Gala-dinner with farewell cocktail
- Farewell Crew-show
- Daily live music
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Detailed road book (one per cabin)
- Daily information meeting for bike tour instructions



#### Additional costs:

- All other costs: on request (bikehire, cabin categories, additional nights, transfers and so on)

#### Tour description:

Biking along the German/Austrian Danube is a very special pleasure because the hotel is always with you! Gently downhill, mostly with a helpful tailwind, you are experiencing the impressive river as it meanders in the Donauschlinge ("Great Loop") and enjoying the gorgeous landscape of the legendary Wachau with its castles and fortresses.

In Vienna, a beautiful city rich in architecture and history, you will enjoy exploring the metropolis during a wonderful sightseeing tour by bike. In many ways it is a city that is hard to describe - you really have to see

and feel it for yourself! Once you have finished sightseeing on your bicycle you can relax in one of the many cozy cafés or in a typical Viennese wine tavern. After a great day of cycling and exploring relax onboard the MV Theodor Körner while listening to live music or discover the port city.

A cycling holiday to Vienna: a great mix of cycle rides along the Danube, a lovely stay aboard a boat and a trip to one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

MS Theodor Körner:

Our spacious, nostalgic ship was completely redecorated in winter 2013/2014 and offers a comfortable atmosphere in modern Art Deco style. Excellent service and attention to detail are the priority of the captain and crew who are looking forward to welcoming you on board. Your bike tour through various countries is also a culinary expedition through the diversity of the national and the regional cuisine. The ship offers a restaurant, a panorama bar with a dance-floor, a salon with a sunny patio as well as a broad sun deck with comfortable deck chairs. Books and magazines from our library provide reading pleasure and parlour games offer all kinds of disport. After an eventful cycling day you will find relaxation in the sauna. In the evening a musician will perform for you to dance! The MS Theodor Körner also offers Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary).

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Day 1 (Sat): Embarkation: Passau | Passau - Mauthausen

Individual arrival. Boarding time is at 4 p.m. The "Bishop City," close to the Bavarian/Austrian border, is also known as the "City of three Rivers." Use your free time and stroll through the old charming centre, visit the world largest catholic church organ in the cathedral and enjoy the easy atmosphere of a typical Bavarian beer garden. At 6.30 p.m. cast off! Your vacation begins with a cruise through the romantic Danube Valley.

Day 2 (Sun): Mauthausen - Grein (Approx. 35 km/21 mi.) | Grein - Devin

Today's bike tour takes you directly along the Danube where you have enough time to enjoy the natural state of the meadow landscape. Visit the medieval village and former concentration camp at Mauthausen. The celtic village Mitterkirchen gives you an insight into the past. The alternative route, "Clam Castle," through the beautiful back country of the "Strudengau" is slightly hilly but a fantastic scenery. Grein, with its mighty castle, is the destination of today's stage. After a romantic sunset-cruise you arrive in the morning at Devin with its castle ruin overlooking the Danube in the morning

Day 3 (Mon): Devin - Bratislava (Approx. 18-43 km/11-25.8 mi.)

From Devin you follow the former 'Iron Curtain', cross the former border and reach the imposing Baroque Palace of Hof with its beautifully terraced gardens. Cycle through Austria's "vegetable garden" to the coronation city and former capital of Hungary - Bratislava located at the slopes of the Little Carpathians. Explore the hidden alleyways and sights of Bratislava on an optional city tour.

Day 4 (Tue): Vienna (day of rest)

During a city tour by bike or bus (optional) you will experience Vienna's most famous examples of architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the gorgeous "Ring"-boulevard and State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall and, of course, the colorful "Hundertwasserhaus". There is enough time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese cafés. The evening can end in numerous ways. For example by visiting a Waltz and Opera concert at a famous Viennese Palaces (optional).

Day 5 (Wed): Wachau | Krems - Melk (Approx. 37 km/22 mi.)

Today's biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards and castles, monasteries and ruins, the hilly landscape enchants everybody. You'll be biking on cloud nine! A powerful ruin looms above the small baroque town of Durnstein, while the blue spire of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In Weissenkirchen (possibility for a wine-tasting - optional) you will find comfortable wine taverns right along the bike path.

Day 6 (Thu): Melk - Grein (Approx. 50 km/30 mi.)

After breakfast you have plenty of time to visit the gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren of Melk. Today's stage is marked by diversity. Starting in the wide valleys of the Nibelungenau you follow the Danube and cycle further into the Strudengau - a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. Your today's destination is the - already well known - city of Grein, home of Austria's oldest city theatre (optional, not included).



Day 7 (Fri): Great Danube Loop | Obermühl - Engelhartszell (Approx. 28-43 km/17-26 mi.)

Today you will cycle through the Danube Valley and will pass through many picturesque villages. Along the cycle path you may smell freshly grilled mackerels, with small pubs doing all they can to entice cyclists to stay. Make sure you follow the small walking trail to the lookout high above the Danube Loop - what a breathtaking panoramic view of the Danube Valley it provides of the meandering Blue Danube! Need a refreshment? Try some of the special cordials at the Trappist monastery at Engelszell, your day's destination.

Day 8 (Sat): Disembarkation: Passau

As you cruise back up the Danube enjoy the early morning sunshine as you wind your way to Passau, where you will arrive at about 10:00 a.m. and you'll disembark about 30 minutes later. Connecting travel should be booked for 11.00 a.m. onwards.

All distances are "approximate distances" of recommended bike tours.

When you do not want to cycle one day, you can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next town.

Program and details barring changes, a.o. as a result of nautical, technical or meteorological reasons.

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