

Cycling the Danube, part II (Regensburg to Passau)

Stress-free holidays in the enchanting lower Bavaria

Daily distance: 25-40 km **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights
Route profile: flat terrain, suitable for kids and beginners in particular

From Regensburg to Passau it is one week of cycling and relaxing. You will get insight into one of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns, Regensburg. Hear stunning tales from the middle age and see, how three rivers flowing together results in a colourful mixture.

We recommend this tour not only for your first cycle holiday, but also if you prefer shorter daily cycle legs or want to travel with your kids.



Day 1, Sunday

Arrival at Munich airport and transfer to our hotel in Regensburg. After checking in, we will hand-over the bicycle to you. Since the hotel is in the city centre, you might want to have a first look at Regensburg's old town on your own. Later this day we meet at a very cosy restaurant where we have dinner and get to know each other.

Day 2, Monday

After breakfast we get to know Regensburg via a walking city tour. Besides hearing tales from the middle age about Regensburg's inhabitants, we will visit the city's attractions. For example the 'stony wonder', a 300m long stone bridge over the Danube which dates back to the 12th century and is still in use. Later, after having started cycling in the early afternoon, we pass the Walhalla Hall of Fame, an imitation of the Parthenon temple. From here we enjoy a beautiful view over the Danube and the Bavarian scenery we are going to cycle through. (20 miles/32 km)

Day 3, Tuesday

Today's section from Worth to Straubing is a particularly short leg. Cycling across fields and through small villages alongside the river, we get to Straubing just around noon. After climbing the city tower, Straubing's emblem from the 14th century, and enjoying the beautiful panoramic view over the old town, you will spend the remaining day exploring it on your own. In any event, you should not miss visiting the city square with its picturesque architecture. (15 miles/23 km)

Day 4, Wednesday

On our way to Deggendorf we pass by the Bogen church of pilgrimage. Here in 1104 a child-bearing statue of Maria was found by the river bank. Many childless women came afterwards in hope of help from above. In Deggendorf we will see the Deggendorf dumplings, stony balls connected by a chain, which had to be worn during pillory. Nowadays a local culinary delicacy carries its name.

Those who love to shop, may do so at numerous small shops at the town centre. (25 miles/40 km)



Day 5, Thursday

The beauty of cycling next to a river is the flatness of the countryside and the path. We will make this experience again on our way to Vilshofen today - luscious Bavarian countryside, calmness of nature and no traffic. Enjoy Vilshofen by strolling along its small shops, have German beer in a beer garden or do some additional cycling up the Vils river. (25 miles/40 km)

Day 6 ...

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Day 7, Saturday

Enjoy your last day by strolling through Passau again or going on a Three Rivers Boat Tour - just as you like. Our incorporated airport shuttle service will bring you to Munich today, depending on your further travel arrangements.

Tour dates 2012: 15th July - 21st July,
26th August - 1st September

Services included:

- 6 nights in biker friendly hotels or guesthouses (double room) incl. breakfast and dinner (dinner excl. beverages)
- healthy food and refreshments will be provided along the way
- transport from and to airports/railway station in Munich
- daily luggage transportation
- one bilingual guide cycling with the group
- passenger van escort
- trekking/hybrid bicycle with panniers
- guided city walks in Regensburg, Straubing and Passau
- entrance fee for Walhalla Hall of Fame
- all ferry boat fees

Fair price: € 870 p.p. (£ 695 p.p.)
single room supplement: € 170 (£ 140)

Extra nights in Passau and Regensburg [per room and night]:
double € 95 (£ 80) / single € 65 (£ 55).

If you intend to extend your cycling holiday in Regensburg or Passau, be aware that we will not be able to maintain our shuttle service on your day of arrival or departure.

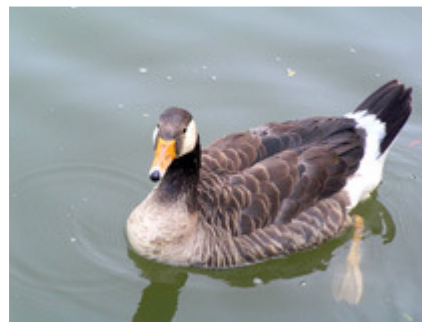
Mercurio shuttle service: Included in each of our tours is a shuttle service from the nearest major airports and train stations. This shuttle operates throughout the day, at the beginning and at the end of your cycling holiday.

Pick-up points on arrival:

- Munich Airport (MUC)
- Munich main station ("Hauptbahnhof")
- Any place in central Munich

Drop-off points on departure:

- Munich Airport (MUC)
- Munich main station ("Hauptbahnhof")
- Any place in central Munich



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