



Danube Boat & Bike Tour

21 Active Days | \$15,870 per person, share twin (in a Superior Cabin)

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Wed 29 Auckland – Dubai
Economy Airfares included

After checking in at Auckland Airport we board our Emirates flight to Dubai.

Thu 30 Dubai—Munich
Hotel ****

We transit through Dubai airport this morning and fly to Munich in Germany. On arrival at Munich airport this afternoon we are met and transfer to our hotel.

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Fri 1 Munich
Meals: B
Hotel ****

This morning we have a guided walking tour of Munich's historic old town.

In the afternoon a local guide will meet the group at our hotel. We travel by metro to the BMW Museum and have a guided tour.

We then return to our hotel with our guide by the metro.

Sat 2 Munich – Passau – MS Lisabelle
Meals: B, L
Boat: MS Lisabelle

This morning we travel by coach to Passau and have an included lunch at a local restaurant.

Following lunch we have a guided walking tour of Passau.

Late afternoon we board the MS Lisabelle and enjoy a view of the beautiful city of Passau as we glide serenely into the sunset, past dark green forests before entering the lock at the Jochenstein power plant on the border between Germany and Austria.

Tour profile

Level 1-2: The route mainly follows the Eurovelo 6 cycle path; in Austria, Slovakia and Hungary you cycle on asphalted paths over flat terrain; in Croatia and Serbia you cycle on country roads with little traffic and on cycle paths, not all of which are asphalted.

One stage runs over hilly terrain.

Don't feel like cycling today? You can reach your destination easily by boat.

Sun 3 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 45 km

Our first day begins with a ride through the classic scenery of the 'Great Loop' Donauschlinge – one of the most beautiful sections of the Danube. Along the way we will encounter tiny villages and cosy cider taverns. In Austria's only Trappist monastery at Engelhartzell we can taste their delicious liquors and cheese. The famous 'Schlogener View' provides a wonderful panorama of the surrounding Austrian countryside. The boat welcomes us back on board in the charming market town of Aschach.

Mon 4 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 15 – 43 km

A narrow cycle path runs along the Iron Curtain from the castle ruins in Devin to the splendid palace of Schloss Hof. The castle grounds are rated one of the most magnificent baroque gardens in Europe. We cycle through untouched countryside and arrive in the vibrant city of Bratislava.

Our **miniature train tour of the Slovakian capital** in which Hungarian kings were once crowned begins with a glorious view from the fortress perched on a hill overlooking the city and ends with a walk through the beautifully restored historic city centre.

Tue 5 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 48 km (or day of rest)

Breathtakingly beautiful is the entrance to Budapest with a view of the city's most famous buildings. During a **city tour (optional)** we will discover the Danube metropolis or take a detour to the charming artists' town of Szentendre (the route can be shortened by train). In the evening, you can explore the Hungarian metropolis on our own or enjoy the view of the festively lit Parliament from the sundeck.

Wed 6 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 37 km

From the quiet Baroque town of Baja which is famous for its fish soup, we'll cycle along the flood protection dykes in the Gemenc floodplain, through sleepy river landscapes past fields of sunflowers. At the end of today's stage, we take the ferry to the little town of Mohacs, Hungary's southernmost town on the Danube and famously the site of two battles with the Turks.

Thu 7 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Day of Rest

We will explore Belgrade, the fun-loving Serbian capital at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube by bike or bus; we take a journey in time from the past to the present and learn about the rise and fall of Yugoslavia.

In the evening, Belgrade is bathed in a sea of light. We visit Zemun, the oldest district of Belgrade, or the famous artists' quarter "Skadarlija," where taverns serve traditional specialties accompanied by lively folk music.

Fri 8 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Day of Rest

Experience a breathtaking fjord landscape in the middle of the Danube, where the river cuts through the Romanian Carpathians and the mighty foothills of the Balkan Mountains. From the deck we can enjoy steep gorges, dark forests and historical landmarks. Highlights include the Decebalus Monument and a ship stop at Golubac Fortress with a **visit option**. This natural wonder will give you goosebumps!

Sat 9 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx 42 km

The imposing Petrovaradin fortress perches high above the provincial capital of the Vojvodina. After cycling upstream along a flat cycle path, we take a ferry to reach the gentle foothills of the Fruska Gora, with its orchards, vineyards and idyllic farming villages. Ilok, the easternmost town in Croatia is famous for its wines, which are drunk even by the English royal family.



Sun 10 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 42 km

We are in the border triangle and cycling through the endless expanse of the Batschka (the territory of the Danube Swabians); small, dreamy farming villages, bright yellow rape fields and endless agricultural areas line our way from Croatia via Serbia to Hungary. Farmers cheerfully wave from their fields, and every now and then a horse-drawn wagon crosses the road. The alternative route leads through the untouched nature of the Dunav-Drava-Nemzeti Nations Park. On the roofs of the farmhouses look out for the nesting white storks. On our way to Mohacs, Hungary, we will pass the National Memorial commemorating the great battle of 1526.

Mon 11 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 50 km

Kalocsa is the “Paprika Capital” of Hungary and the character of the town is strongly influenced by colourful houses with hand-painted, bright floral patterns; and the cathedral with its towers that can be seen even from a distance as they rise into the sky from the flat Hungarian plain. Visiting the Paprika Museum, we’ll learn a lot about Hungary’s favourite spice. We continue our journey on the well-built cycle path along the flood protection dyke through the vast expanse of the Puszta. On our way to Solt, the birthplace of the famous conductor Sir George Solti, white sandbanks along the Danube bank invite us to jump into the cool water.

In the afternoon **experience a horse show** with breathtaking demonstrations by the Csikosoks and a tasting of local specialties.

Tue 12 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx. 50 km

The Danube is framed by steep wooded hills as it flows through the picturesque, hilly landscape of the “Hungarian Wachau”. Set in the middle of the Danube, the delightful island of Szentendre radiates real Puszta romance. As we continue our journey on idyllic cycle paths through picturesque villages we’ll be able to experience the Hungarian zest for life at first hand. The dome of the imposing basilica in Esztergom can be seen from afar. Hungary’s largest church, with its Tuscan-style high altar and a side chapel with red marble walls is especially worth seeing.

Wed 13 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

After so many action-packed days of cycling, we deserve some relaxation. Enjoy the breath-taking view of the idyllic floodplain forest of the Donauauen National Park and the impressive skyline as we sail to Vienna. We can go for a bike ride on the Danube Island – Vienna’s favourite recreational area, cycle to the nearby Klosterneuburg Abbey or wander through the idyllic vineyards of Kahlenberg (with magnificent views over the city and the Danube).

The day ends traditionally with a **concert of classic waltz and operetta music at Schloss Schönbrunn.**

Thu 14 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Day of Rest

Discover Vienna: from the saddle on a guided bike tour or on your own with the HOP ON HOP OFF bus. We can ride through the historic city centre at a leisurely pace and see the sights at point-blank range. The magnificent Ringstraße boulevard will remind us of times long ago and inviting coffee houses will tempt us with delicious Viennese cakes and pastries. Afterwards, there’s enough time to stroll through the quaint lanes or visit the Naschmarkt.

Fri 15 MS Lisabelle

Meals: B, L, D

Biking: approx 37km

This final stage of our cycling tour can be described as magical! The gentle hilly countryside of the Wachau valley with its picturesque villages, historic castles and palaces surrounded by apricot trees and terraced vineyards, is one of the loveliest stretches.

At the end of the ride awaits the impressive Melk Abbey, one of the most beautiful Baroque ensembles in Europe!

Sat 16 MS Lisabelle – Passau – Salzburg

Meals: B, D

Hotel *****

We can enjoy the first rays of sunlight and the early-morning tranquillity of the Danube valley one last time. Then we can catch a final view of the Danube Bend at Schlägen – before we reach Passau, our heart bursting with memories and impressions.

Late morning we disembark and travel by coach to our hotel in Salzburg.

This afternoon is at leisure and this evening we have a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Sat 17 Salzburg – Munich airport –
Dubai**

Meals: B

Mid-morning we have a guided walking tour including the gardens of Mirabell Palace, Mozart's Birthplace and the cathedral.

This afternoon is at leisure and early evening we transfer by coach to Munich airport for our flight to Dubai.

Sun 18 Dubai—New Zealand

This morning we transit through Dubai airport and fly back to New Zealand.

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