

Alpe Adria cycle path

Across the Alps from SALZBURG to VILLACH

On this bike tour, a crossing of the Alps is also feasible for pleasure cyclists, because the ascent to the main Alpine ridge is divided into two daily stages and the last part is crossed by train.

On your cycling tour you will cycle through the idyllic Salzach valley and the Gastein valley and cross the impressive high mountain landscape of the Hohe Tauern by train until you reach the sunny Drau valley.

Highlights

-  Culture and nature in the Mozart city of Salzburg; Hohensalzburg Fortress, Mirabell Palace with Mirabell Gardens, Palace park and water feature in Hellbrunn Palace, birthplace of W. A. Mozart, ...
-  Hallein salt works town with salt mine
-  Pongau Cathedral, St. Johann in Pongau
-  Impressive mountain worlds of the Hohe Tauern, Carnic and Julian Alps
-  Renaissance castle Porcia, Spittal an der Drau
-  Old town of Villach

Route characteristics

-  Routing on mostly well-maintained bike paths and low-traffic side roads
-  The demanding section over the Lueg pass can be shortened by train

Level of difficulty

Touring bicycle 

Pedelec/E-Bike 

Also suitable for families with children/teenagers with an affinity for bikes

Arrival | Travel time | Type of trip

-  Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from April 29th to October 3rd 2026
-  5 days | 4 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
-  Stretch trip - approx. 200 cycling kilometres
-  Individual cycling trip
-  From 2 persons (single travellers on application)
-  Non schedule arrival dates: minimum of 5 persons upon request

Itinerary

Day 1: Individual journey to Salzburg

A cycling tour could not start more impressively than in Salzburg, the city of Mozart.

In the beautiful old town, one baroque highlight follows the next.

And - don't forget - take some Mozartkugeln with you for the trip to the sea 😊

Day 2: Salzburg – Bischofshofen/St. Johann (approx. 60 km)

With a view of the Hohensalzburg Fortress you leave the city. The first part of the tour leads you along the Salzach river. On the way you will pass Hellbrunn Palace - the former summer residence of the Salzburg prince-bishops. For more than 400 years, the extraordinary water features have delighted young and old. On the Tauern cycle path, the journey continues in the direction of Hallein, known for its crooked town houses and above all for its white gold - salt. Surrounded by the massive mountain ranges, you cycle through the Salzach gorge and follow the Salzach river until you see the imposing towers of the Pongau cathedral, the landmark of St. Johann, welcomes you from afar.

Day 3: Bischofshofen/St. Johann – Bad Gastein (approx. 55 km)

The journey continues through the tranquil Gastein valley. Until the beginning of the 20th century, it was only accessible via narrow mountain paths. Framed by the peaks of the Hohe Tauern, you cycle along the Gasteiner Ache. Passing Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you reach the famous spa town of Bad Gastein. The "Montecarlo of the Alps", as the town is also often called, is known for its many magnificent hotels from the "Bel Époque" period, which impressively characterize the townscape. The main attraction is the Gastein Waterfall, which is fed by a total of 17 springs.

Day 4: Bad Gastein – Villach (approx. 80 km + train – mostly downhill)

With many new impressions, you cycle a few kilometers further to Böckstein and board the train there to get to Mallnitz through the Tauernschleuse (approx. 15 km). You then cycle downhill to Obervellach to enjoy the impressive high mountain landscape on the banks of the Möll. This section of the cycle path is also known as the Glockner Cycle Path. It is mostly slightly downhill and leads through the Hohe Tauern National Park to Möllbrücke. From there, the Drau Cycle Path takes you on to Spittal a.d. Drau, famous for the Renaissance Porcia Castle. Your cycle tour ends in Villach, Carinthia's second largest city, which is known not only for its carnival but also for the Villach Kirchtag festival. There are also numerous sights to see. If you have enough time, we recommend a swim in one of the lakes around the city.

Day 5: Individual departure or extension

Included Services | Price per Person | Extras

Included services

- ✓ Overnight stays including breakfast in guesthouses and hotels of the 3- and 4-star category
- ✓ Videobriefing
- ✓ Luggage transport from accommodation to accommodation
- ✓ Train ride Tauern lock: Böckstein-Mallnitz incl. bicycle
- ✓ Detailed travel documents (route maps, route description, sights, important telephone numbers)
- ✓ Navigation-App
- ✓ Phone service daily from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Price

	per person
- Accommodation in a double room *	Euro 789,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 249,00

Extras

	per person
- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 89,00
- Rental bike TOP (unisex model – men's model on request)	Euro 129,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 189,00
- Extra night in Salzburg in DR/B&B *	Euro 109,00
- Extra night in Salzburg in SR/B&B *	Euro 178,00
- Extra night in Villach in DR/B&B *	Euro 109,00
- Extra night in Villach in SR/B&B *	Euro 188,00
- Return transfer Villach-Salzburg	Euro 85,00/person+45,00/own bike

* Any local taxes that may be due are not included and are payable locally

Not included services: everything not explicitly mentioned under the point "Included services" (e.g.: Travel to the return at the end of the tour; drinks, tourist tax and all extras; lunch, dinner; entrance fees not mentioned; bicycle rental and travel insurance).