







# 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

-  Saturdays from April 27<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 as well as Thursdays from June 6<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024
-  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. 65 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

From Bad Gastein you continue to Böckstein and get on the train along the Tauernschleuse (railway line) to Mallnitz. Surrounded by the foothills of the imposing mountains of the Hohe Tauern National Park, you cycle along the river Möll. This path is also known as the "Glocknerradweg" (Glockner cycle path). The valley widens visibly and from Möllbrücke you are already accompanied by the Drau cycle path to Villach, which is especially known for its cheerful carnival guild and for its extensive festivities on Kirchtag. If you still have enough time we recommend a swim in one of the warm lakes close by.

### 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: Bockstein-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

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|------------------------------------|------|--------|
| - Accommodation in a double room * | Euro | 569,00 |
| - Single room surcharge            | Euro | 109,00 |

### Extras

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| - Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle                       | Euro | 69,00                       |
| - Rental bike TOP (unisex model – men's model on request) | Euro | 109,00                      |
| - Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike                                | Euro | 179,00                      |
| - Extra night in Salzburg in DR/B&B *                     | Euro | 89,00                       |
| - Extra night in Salzburg in SR/B&B *                     | Euro | 128,00                      |
| - Extra night in Villach in DR/B&B *                      | Euro | 79,00                       |
| - Extra night in Villach in SR/B&B *                      | Euro | 104,00                      |
| - Return transfer Villach-Salzburg                        | Euro | 85,00/person+39,00/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).