



## NEW: INCLUDING OVERNIGHT STAY AT LAKE WÖRTHERSEE

self-guided tour  
8 days / 7 nights

→ approx. 245 to 265 km



## DESCRIPTION

Carinthian lakes... just so, offers you the possibility to become more familiar with the many facets of Carinthia. Embedded in unique countryside of high peaks and gentle mounts, the province boasts more than 200 swimming lakes up to 28°C warm – ideal for a cycling tour from April to October. Starting point of this bicycle holiday is Villach, the second largest town in Carinthia. Passing by some of the most beautiful lakes the tour leads to the capital city Klagenfurt.

Starting from there the journey is going along the Drau Bicycle Path qualified from ADFL as a 5-star-quality-route. Another highlight is the Alpe-Adria-Tour: a shuttle takes you to Slovenia, more precisely to Kranjska Gora. On the bike path, built on the old railway line, you cycle back to Italy and over the Faaker See to Villach.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

Carinthian lakes... just so is, an easy bike tour for every body. Running along mostly asphalted cycling paths the way is going without steep inclines through the lake district and the boarder triangle Carinthia, Slovenia and Italy. The paths are almost flat and in many areas they are going along the lakefront.

The tour is suitable for children from the age of 12.

## **A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE**

### **DAY 1: Arrival at Villach**

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Villach. Parking place available close to the hotel.

### **DAY 2: Villach - Lake Ossiacher See round trip - Villach (approx. 45 km)**

Follow the river Seebach out of Villach and shortly afterwards, the ruin of Landskron castle will appear reigning regally over the countryside. Soon you arrive at lake Ossiacher See which lies idyllically amid the mountains. You will pass numerous seaside resorts and the old Ossiach Collegiate Church. The clear, deep green water invites you to stop and have a swim before returning to Villach.

### **DAY 3: Villach – Lake Wörthersee – Klagenfurt/surroundings (approx. 45 km)**

For the first few kilometres, the river Drau is pointing the way, passing by a countryside that has kept its naturalness even to the present. At the famous lake Wörthersee, there are plenty offers for the entire family; public bathing beaches, boat rentals and boat trips on the lake. The route will take you through lively villages to Klagenfurt. Finish the day with an evening walk through the romantic old town and enjoy the Mediterranean flair of the city.

### **DAY 4: Klagenfurt/surroundings – St. Veit an der Glan - Friesach - Klagenfurt/surroundings (approx. 30 - 50 km)**

Dip into the history of Carinthia. In the morning the train takes you to Friesach. In no other town in Carinthia visitors can walk in the footsteps of the Middle Ages more atmospherically than in the castle town. For some years a historical experiment has been underway, in which a medieval hill castle is being built using only medieval methods. On route, you will pass Carinthias most famous private brewery and Treibach/Althofen located on the top of the hill towards St. Veit an der Glan. Afterwards you cycle back to Klagenfurt. Anyone who prefers a gentler approach can get out of the train in St. Veit an der Glan and cycle towards Klagenfurt.

### **DAY 5: Klagenfurt/surroundings – Keutschacher Seental – Velden am Wörthersee/surroundings (approx. 35 km)**

From Klagenfurt/surroundings you will first go to the east bay of the lake, then via Viktring into the Keutschacher Seental (valley of lakes), through idyllic reed and forest, where you will be able to explore four wonderful alpine lakes. At the end of the stage you will explore the chic town of Velden, famous for its Casino and the beautiful promenade.

### **DAY 6: Velden am Wörthersee/surroundings – Kranjska Gora – Tarvisio – Lake Faaker See – Velden am Wörthersee/surroundings (approx. 70 km)**

After a short transfer in the morning to Kranjska Gora/Slovenia you cycle on the fully developed cycling path of the old railway line to Italy (Tarvisio, famous for its market and its Italian aura) and then back to Austria on the Ciclovía Alpe Adria bike path. Lake Faaker See invites to a pleasant bath before returning to the starting point.

### **DAY 7: Velden am Wörthersee/surroundings – Villach (approx. 20 km)**

On your last cycle day you follow the 5-star bike path along the Drau to Villach. Strolling through Villach you have plenty of time to pass your journey in review.

### **DAY 8: Departure**

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- **Classification of the cycle-tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** Approx. 245 - 265 km
- **Starting point:** Villach
- **Arrival:**  
By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).  
By train: Good train connections to Villach. Timetable available on: [www.deutschebahn.de](http://www.deutschebahn.de), [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com).  
By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. From all three places there are good train connections or airport shuttle services to Villach.
- **Accommodation:**  
Category A: Accommodation in 4\*\*\*\* hotels and 3\*\*\* hotels  
Category B: Accommodation in inns or 3\*\*\* hotels  
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Depending on the first hotel unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the entire tour nights). Public parking garage at the cost of approx. € 35.00 per week. Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.
- **Rental bikes:**  
21-gears women's or men's bicycle  
7-gears UNISEX bicycle with back pedal  
E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery)

## **INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:**

- Accommodation in hotels of the chosen category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Transfers according to the programme (Klagenfurt/surroundings – St. Veit an der Glan/Friesach, Velden/surroundings – Kranjska Gora)
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

## **NON INCLUDED SERVICES**

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

## STARTING DATES 2019

<b>ARRIVAL</b>	every Wednesday and Saturday 04/05/2019 (first possible start date) to 28/09/2019 (last possible start date).
<b>EXCEPTION</b>	Arrival date from 31/07/2019 to 03/08/2019 (incl.) and from 31/08/2019 to 07/09/2019 (incl.) only possible with arrival in Klagenfurt – the order of the stages changes.
<b>NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES</b>	minimum of 5 persons upon request!

## PRICES 2019

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR - CATEGORY A

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – arrival day 04/05/2019 and 28/09/2019	€ 599.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 699.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 149.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 80.00

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR - CATEGORY B

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast – arrival day 04/05/2019 and 28/09/2019	€ 499.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 629.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 149.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 49.00

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental bike € 75.00

E-bike € 165.00

### EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH (HOTEL 3\*\*\*-CATEGORY)

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 59.00
Surcharge single room, per night	€ 17.00

\*High season: arrival dates from 07/07/2019 to 22/09/2019 (incl.)  
We suggest travel insurance.