

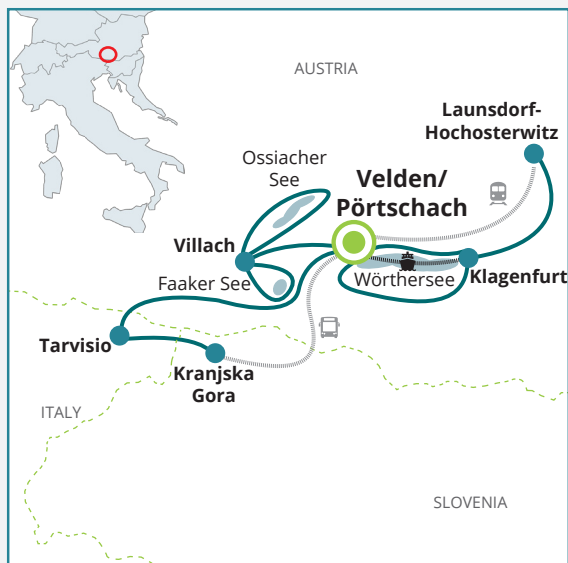


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ENJOY CYCLING ON THE AUSTRIAN RIVIERA

self-guided tour
7 days / 6 nights

   approx. 245 km



DESCRIPTION

You explore the most southern region of Austria starting from the famous lake Wörthersee. You will discover also other lakes of Carinthia such as the lakes Faaker See and Ossiacher See. You will dive into history and make a short side trip to nearby Slovenia. On this leisure bike trip there is also plenty of time to get to know the culture and cuisine and to make a couple of stops. The climatically favored region makes cycling with pleasant temperatures possible from April to October. The starting points of the tour are the well-known towns of Velden or Pörtschach on Lake Wörthersee. From there, the day tours lead around the lake Wörthersee, the lake Faaker See and the lake Ossiacher See, to the castle Hochosterwitz and the small town St. Veit an der Glan and into the Alpe Adria area.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The Lake Wörthersee Star-Ride is a bicycle tour for everyone. On mostly asphalted cycle paths, the trips lead through Carinthia's lake district without any significant slopes. This cycle tour is also suitable for families with children aged 12 and over.

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival to Velden/Pörtschach

You will arrive at your hotel in Velden/Pörtschach. Parking spaces available close to the hotel.

DAY 2: Velden/Pörtschach – Villach – Lake Ossiacher See - Velden/Pörtschach (approx. 50 km)

After a short ride in train you will reach Villach in the morning where you start your day tour to the lake Ossiacher See. First you cycle along the river Drau before turning to reach the lake Ossiacher See. Surrounded by the idyllic mountain scenery, you will come across inviting bathing resorts and the romantic Ossiach monastery. The dark green color of the lake water invites you to take a refreshing dip. Along the Wörthersee- and the Drauradweg cycling path you cycle back to your starting point.

DAY 3: Velden am Wörthersee/surroundings - Kranjska Gora/Slovenia – Tarvis/Italy 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 well laid out cycle path along an old railway line to the Italian border town Tarvis, known for its market and the typical Italian flair. Then it goes back to Austria on the route of the popular Ciclovía Alpe Adria cycle path back to Villach, where you can easily return by train to your starting point.

DAY 4: Lake Wörthersee round trip (approx. 55 km)

Today, lake Wörthersee and the lakes in the neighbouring valley are the main protagonists of your cycling tour. This stage is relaxed, leading along the northern shore of lake Wörthersee. Many small cafes invite you to dwell or you might like to visit the small bathing areas for sunbathing or take a cooling dip in the lake: after all, the water temperatures rise to 27 degrees from June and the lake is still pleasantly warm for a long time in autumn. The lake Wörthersee cycle path does not run along the southern shore but through the untouched valley Keutschacher Seental with its four smaller lakes. At the end of the tour, you will return to the western shore of the lake.

DAY 5: Velden/Pörtschach – Launsdorf-Hochosterwitz – Klagenfurt – Boat trip to Velden/Pörtschach (approx. 30 km)

Today, culture is on the schedule. In the morning the train takes you to town Launsdorf, from where it is only a stone's throw to Carinthia's most famous castle, Hochosterwitz. The castle sits majestically on a rock, and is protected by 14 fortified towers that wind their way up the rock. If you want to discover it, you have to walk a short distance up to the entrance (optional visit). The cycle tour to Klagenfurt is relaxed, as the path meanders flat along the Glan River directly to the provincial capital of Carinthia. The small town is a manageable size, the medieval centre very beautiful with well-preserved houses and today the heart of the city. A stroll around the Old and New Square, where the landmark Lindwurm stands, is a must. After that, you leave the city along the channel Lendkanal and cycle directly to the shore of the lake Wörthersee. The crowning glory of this tour is a boat-trip back to your starting point.

DAY 6: Velden/Pörtschach – Villach – round trip lake Faaker See – Velden/Pörtschach (approx. 40 km)

You will end your tour with a round trip around lake Faaker See. It is the emerald among the Carinthian lakes, not very big, but very warm and turquoise like the Caribbean. Along the Wörthersee- and Drauradweg cycling path you drive towards Villach. At St. Niklas, it's a bit uphill at first. Afterwards, you will comfortably cycle around the entire Faaker See from north to south. Continuing on a beautiful cycle paths, you return to your starting point via Ledenitzen and Rosegg.

DAY 7: Departure

Tour end and departure or possibility of extension.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the cycle-tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights
- **Distance:** approx. 245 km
- **Starting point:** Velden/Pörtschach
- **Arrival:**
By car: Velden/Pörtschach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).
By train: Good train connections to Velden/Pörtschach.. Timetable available on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.
By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. From all three places there are good train connections or airport shuttle services to Velden/ Pörtschach.
- **Accommodation:**
Category A: hotels 4**** category
Category B: hotels 3*** category
Please note: Tourist tax – if applicable – has to be paid on site.
- **Parking:** Depending on the hotel at arrival, unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the entire duration of the tour). Public parking garage at the cost of approx. € 35.00 per week. No reservation of the parking area/parking garage possible; payable on site.
- **Rental bikes:**
21-gears women's or men's bicycle
E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery, range up to 100 km)

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Accommodation in hotels 3*** and/or 4**** category
- Breakfast
- Transfer Kranjska Gora, train trip Launsdorf, boat trip Velden/Pörtschach
- Personal tour information
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

- Arrival transfer to the starting point of the tour
- Departure transfer at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Not mentioned entry fees
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All items not expressly mentioned under „Services Included“

WÖRTHERSEE-BASED IN VELDEN/PÖRTSCHACH BICYCLE HOLIDAY

DATES 2020

ARRIVAL	every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 02/05/2020 (first available date) to 27/09/2020 (last available date)
NON SCHEDULED ARRIVAL DATES	minimum of 5 participants upon request!

PRICES 2020

SELF-GUIDED TOUR - CATEGORY A

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast arrival day 02/05/2020 and 27/09/2020	€ 599.00
Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 699.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 195.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 79.00

SELF-GUIDED TOUR - CATEGORY B

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast arrival day 02/05/2020 and 27/09/2020	€ 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	€ 65.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Rental Bike	€ 79.00
E-Bike	€ 169.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH

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

*High season: arrival dates from 20/06/2020 to 12/09/2020 (incl)

We recommend to purchase a travel insurance.

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