



The Danube challenge: Donaueschingen – Regensburg

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 450 KM

BOOKING CODE: DO-DR7-SP

DAILY ROUTES ●●●●●

ALTITUDE PROFILE ●●●●●



From the spring to the northernmost Danube town

From EUR 529,-



Your Tour

The more athletic cyclists will become acquainted with the major part of the German Danube on this tour: from the castle spring to the most northerly lying town on the Danube. Enjoy the variety of countryside and large cities, impressive cultural monuments and the charm of the area's small villages. Despite this longer section, you still have time to enjoy the regional delicacies.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Donaueschingen
Day 2	Donaueschingen – Fridingen, approx. 55 km
Day 3	Fridingen – Obermarchtal, approx. 90 km
Day 4	Obermarchtal – Blaubeuren – Ulm, approx. 65 km
Day 5	Ulm – Donauwörth, approx. 90 km
Day 6	Donauwörth – Ingolstadt, approx. 65 km
Day 7	Ingolstadt – Regensburg, approx. 85 km + boat trip
Day 8	Individual departure or extension of stay

Dates

Daily Arrival 27.03. – 24.10.2021

Season A	27.03. – 31.03.	05.04. – 17.04.	01.10. – 24.10.
Season B	01.04. – 04.04.	18.04. – 05.05.	07.06. – 10.06.
	14.06. – 17.06.	21.06. – 24.06.	12.09. – 30.09.
Season C	06.05. – 10.05.	16.05.	24.05. – 27.05.
	06.06.	11.06. – 13.06.	18.06. – 20.06.
	25.06. – 30.06.	22.08. – 11.09.	
Season D	11.05. – 15.05.	17.05. – 23.05.	28.05. – 05.06.
	01.07. – 21.08.		

For pricing purposes, the season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast in the local 3* category
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Regensburg
- Boat trip Weltenburg – Kelheim incl. bike
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- 7 day Service Hotline

Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the tour price.

Basic price per person

Double room, Season A	529,-
Double room, Season B	629,-
Double room, Season C	679,-
Double room, Season D	729,-
Additional fee single room	215,-

Rental bikes prices per person

27-gear Rental Bike*	79,-
E-bike*	199,-

* Including rental bike insurance

Additional night prices per person

Double room / B&B Regensburg / Ulm / Ingolstadt	59,-
Single room / B&B Regensburg / Ulm / Ingolstadt	89,-
Double room / B&B other places	49,-
Single room / B&B other places	79,-

An additional night does not shift the day of arrival.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish

Exemplary hotel list

Donaueschingen: Hotel Zum Hirschen	www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de
Fridingen: Gasthaus Jägerhaus	www.jaegerhaus.de
Obermarchtal: Gasthof Berghofstüble	www.berghofstueble.de
Ulm: Hotel am Rathaus	www.rathausulm.de
Donauwörth: Landgasthof Schmidbaur	www.hotel-schmidbaur.de
Ingolstadt: Altstadtotel	www.altstadthotel-ingolstadt.de
Regensburg: Hotel Münchner Hof	www.muenchner-hof.de

Child reduction on basic price

0 – 5 years	100 %
6 – 11 years	50 %
12 – 17 years	25 %

- Due to the altitude profile we don't recommend this tour for children.
- Reductions apply for accommodation in rooms with two full-paying guests.
- No reductions from the age of 18
- Multi-bed rooms are often double rooms with a camp bed or sofa-bed.
- No five-bed rooms possible

Parking in Donaueschingen

- Free parking at „Stadtmühle“, „Realschule“ and „Fürstenberg-Gymnasium“.
- Hotel car parks (available only in some hotels, with costs, details in the travel documents)

Arrival in Donaueschingen

- Closest airports: Zurich, Stuttgart
- Train station: Donaueschingen

Twin rooms / separate beds

- Available only sporadically
- We handle requests for twin rooms as non-binding requests
- In case twin rooms are booking condition it must be clearly communicated as such when booking.

Availability

- All bookings are on request
- For this tour we provide an availability link, which is constantly updated.

Travel documents

- Dispatched to the tour operator up to six weeks before departure
- For short-term bookings, delivery to the start hotel, hotel list and arrival information will be sent by email
- 1 set (per booked room) consists of: hotel list and voucher, travel information with details on daily stages, short travel guides and route descriptions, maps, luggage tags

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Anti-puncture Schwalbe Marathon Plus tires
- Hub dynamo
- Luggage rack
- Comfortable saddle
- Waterproof pannier
- Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder
- Mileometer
- Bicycle lock
- Pump
- Repair set per booking in the pannier

Further information and photos of the rental bikes are available in the B2B area: <https://www.cycling-holiday.com/b2b/info#Bikes>

Bike handover

- Arrival: The rental bikes are waiting at the start hotel.
- Departure: The guests leave their bikes in the last hotel. Provided an e-bike has been rented, the battery should be handed in at reception.

Luggage transport

- Daily baggage collection until 9 a.m.
- Delivery to the next hotel by 6 p.m. at the latest
- Luggage items are labeled once for the entire tour
- No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but a maximum of 20 kg per piece of luggage

Return travel to Donaueschingen

- Self-organised by train, several connections per day, duration approx. 6 – 8 hours, 2 – 3 train changes

Stage Description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Donaueschingen

In Donaueschingen, the Brigach and Breg rivers merge to form the Danube. However the Romans once thought that the spring in the castle gardens was the source of the Danube. You can still visit the source of the Danube in Donaueschingen today, right in the park of a very impressive castle, where the Fürstenberg family once lived.

Day 2: Donaueschingen – Fridingen, approx. 55 km

The first section is a quick cycle to Immendingen. This is where the Danube sinks into the chalky stone for some 155 days of the year to flow through an underground cave system south to the Aachtopf, Germany's biggest spring. In Tuttlingen, the valley narrows and it's now not far to today's destination.

Day 3: Fridingen – Obermarchtal, approx. 90 km

The chalkstone rocks rise some 100 metres above the cycle path which snakes its way through the rocks here, following the river. In Sigmaringen there's Hohenzollern Castle to explore. It's still lived in today by a noble family! In today's destination, Obermarchtal, a Baroque treasure waits to be discovered - the former monastery can be visited.

Day 4: Obermarchtal – Blaubeuren – Ulm, approx. 65 km

Today you cycle along the original course of the Danube, through the valley to Blaubeuren with its famous Blautopf - an intense Karst spring and the start of a huge system of caves. To shorten this section you can cycle directly along the Danube to Ulm - and thus save about 10 km. Your destination is Ulm with the highest church tower in the world! It obviously provides great views.

Day 5: Ulm – Donauwörth, approx. 90 km

Today's section features a succession of little towns, one prettier than the next. You pedal away from the river to raised ground, safe from flooding. Dillingen can be seen from afar - thanks to its stately castle. You cycle through the Danube meadows to Donauwörth, where the former important trading route between Nuremberg and Augsburg crosses the Danube.

Day 6: Donauwörth – Ingolstadt, approx. 65 km

You cycle along well established paths through the foothills of the Franconian Alb to Neuburg, where we can recommend taking a stroll through the charming old town or a visit to the castle, towering magnificently over the town. Today's destination is Ingolstadt with its old fortifications. It is also where the Bavarian Purity Law for beer was passed over 500 years ago.

Day 7: Ingolstadt – Regensburg, approx. 85 km + boat trip

Mother Nature has a special treat in store a little further on - the Danube Gap at Weltenburg Monastery, where the Danube curves its way through massive Jura rocks. Fortify yourself in the monastery beer garden before catching your boat, which takes you through the Gap to Kelheim. This town is considered Germany's best-preserved city and has been declared a UNESCO Heritage Site.

Day 8: Individual departure or extension of stay

After breakfast, you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.