

FROM VIENNA TO TRIESTE

In the footsteps of the Habsburgs

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Self-guided distance tour | 10/9 | approx. 515-535 km |

DESCRIPTION

The tour from Vienna to Trieste connects five cities, closely linked by their shared history. As former parts of the Habsburg Monarchy, Vienna, Graz, Maribor, Ljubljana, and Trieste share a rich cultural heritage that comes to life along this route. Discover the imperial splendor of Vienna and the diverse landscapes of Austria. Experience the green, untouched beauty of Slovenia, acting as a bridge between Central Europe and the Mediterranean. Breathe in the Mediterranean air and enjoy the coastal flair in Trieste, Italy, once the most important port of the Habsburg Monarchy.

HIGHLIGHTS

From Vienna, you cycle through the South Styria region with its charming wine taverns. During a stop in Slovenia, be sure to try the Laško beer before visiting the famous Postojna Caves. Now, it's not far to the Mediterranean Trieste.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL ATHLETIC

The route is hilly and includes some challenging climbs. Half of the tour takes place on bike paths, while the rest follows country and secondary roads. In urban and village areas, increased traffic is to be expected.

2027

ARRIVAL / PARKING / DEPARTURE

- Vienna train station
- Vienna airport
- Hotel parking garage, costs approx. EUR 30 per day
  public parking garage, costs approx. EUR 25 per week

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Vienna

Your journey begins in the enchanting waltz capital of Vienna. The day of your arrival is yours to spend as you please—perhaps a leisurely stroll through the city or a visit to a traditional Viennese Heuriger?

Day 2: Vienna – Wiener Neustadt

approx. 60 km

Time to saddle up! Once you leave the city limits, you'll enter the wine-growing region of the Thermenregion. In the charming wine villages, you can immerse yourself in the traditional Heuriger culture. The spa town of Baden, with its thermal baths and hot springs, is part of the UNESCO World Heritage. Wiener Neustadt stands as a testament to medieval fortress architecture. Built with the ransom paid for the English King Richard the Lionheart, who was held captive in Dürnstein, the town offers numerous attractions. Take a leisurely stroll through the historic old town!

Day 3: Wiener Neustadt – Bruck an der Mur

approx. 60 km + trainride

Your day begins with a ride on the Semmering Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (included). This was the world's first mountain railway, winding its way through stunning viaducts and tunnels amid the surrounding alpine scenery to the start of your cycling stage, to Semmering. Along the route, you'll be accompanied by the breathtaking mountain landscapes of Styria until you reach Bruck an der Mur. This charming town invites you to explore its medieval architecture—a perfect blend of nature and culture!

Day 4: Bruck an der Mur – Graz

approx. 60 km

On the Mur Cycle Path, you'll follow Austria's second-largest river through the green heart of the country, Styria. Experience the full diversity of this region firsthand as the landscape transitions from alpine mountains to the mild and pleasant climate of the Graz Basin. Graz, the capital of Styria, is sure to captivate you. The impressive Schlossberg and the historic old town are both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Day 5: Graz – Maribor

approx. 75 km

One of the highlights of the route is passing through southern Styria, one of Austria's most renowned wine regions. The area is characterized by picturesque vineyards and traditional Buschenschank taverns. It's the perfect spot to take a break and savor the local specialties. Maribor, known for the world's oldest vine and its charming old town, will enchant you with its narrow lanes and historic squares.

Day 6: Maribor – Lasko

approx. 80 km

The route continues through the rolling hills of Slovenska Štajerska (Lower Styria), one of Slovenia's premier wine regions. Along the way, you'll find plenty of opportunities to stop at local wineries. Your destination is the charming town of Laško, renowned for its healing thermal springs and its famous Laško beer. With a brewing tradition that dates back centuries, a visit to the Laško Brewery is the perfect way to end the day's stage.

Day 7: Lasko – Ljubljana

approx. 80 km

You'll pass through traditional Slovenian villages, offering an authentic glimpse into the country's rural charm. A highlight of this route is the Trojan Pass. After a short climb, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Take a break at one of the local bakeries to sample Trojaner Krapfen (stuffed pastries). For a more relaxed ride, the cycling route between Hrastnik and Sava can also be shortened by train. Your destination is Ljubljana, one of Europe's most enchanting capitals. Known for its vibrant old town and the many bridges spanning the Ljubljanica River, Ljubljana invites exploration. Don't miss the iconic Tromostovje Bridges, Prešeren Square, and Ljubljana Castle.

Day 8: Ljubljana – Postojna

approx. 60 km

On your way to Postojna, you'll pass through the stunning Karst landscape, renowned for its caves, rocks, and underground rivers. Your destination is world-famous for the Postojna Caves, one of the largest karst cave systems in the world and a true natural wonder. These caves are one of Slovenia's most visited tourist attractions, offering a unique glimpse into the fascinating underground world. Just a few kilometers from Postojna is the impressive Predjama Castle, dramatically built into a cliffside. This medieval cave castle is another highlight of the region, offering exciting insights into the history of the Karst area.

Day 9: Postojna – Triest

approx. 75 km

After cycling through the Karst landscape of Slovenia and experiencing the first Mediterranean vibes in Italy, Trieste makes the perfect finale to your tour. Along the way, you'll enjoy stunning views of the Adriatic Sea and the coastline, soaking in the Mediterranean atmosphere. The port city of Trieste welcomes you with a blend of Italian and Austrian culture. For centuries, it was the most important port of the Habsburg Monarchy and is now known for its beautiful architecture and rich coffeehouse culture.

Day 10: Departure or extension

ARRIVAL DATES 2027

07.05. - 24.09.
Arrival Friday
Season 2027: 07.05. | 14.05. | 21.05. | 28.05. | 04.06. | 11.06. | 18.06. | 02.07. | 09.07. | 10.09. | 24.09.

PRICES 2027

All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Booking code	**AT-WIRWT-**	**10X**
Season 2027		1,389
Surcharge single room		499
21-gear unisex		149
Electric bike		289

EXTRA NIGHTS

All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Triest	
Basic price	95
Surcharge single room	49
Vienna	
Basic price	95
Surcharge single room	45

SERVICES

Included

- Accommodation in 3***- and 4****-hotels, guesthouses and inns
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer (2 luggage pieces per person, max. 20 kg per luggage, however max. 30 kg per person)
- Digital travel documents incl. GPS-data, route book
- 1 train ride Wiener Neustadt - Semmering
- Service hotline

Things to note

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For a stress-free start to your travel, arriving at the start point by early evening the day before is recommended. The individual return journey takes place on the last day of travel. For any costs incurred locally (children, local taxes, dogs etc.), as well as excluded transport and services, please refer to the itinerary or the section “Services/Things to note”. If a minimum number of participants is necessary for the trip to take place, this is defined under “Arrival dates”. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour by the time specified under the heading “Arrival dates” before the planned travel date. We recommend organising your arrival and departure only after this deadline has passed. The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance. The language in which the listed services are provided, as far as this is relevant for the provision of services, can be found under the heading “Services”. If special passport or visa requirements are needed for EU citizens, this is indicated under “Arrival/Parking/Departure”. This trip is not suitable for people with reduced mobility. Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended. Information on insurance options to cover the cost of assistance during the journey, including transport in case of accident, illness or death can be found at https://www.eurobike.at/travel-insurance

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