AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA

Vienna To Budapest

Duration: 5 days

This exciting and beautiful challenge takes us southeast from Austria's capital Vienna, through Slovakia and into Hungary, finishing at its capital, Budapest. Our route predominantly follows the flow of the iconic Danube River, dotted with historic castles and medieval towns as we pedal through a landscape dominated by valleys, forests and farmland. The majority of hills we encounter are fairly gentle, however with some long days in the saddle, this is a real challenge for all levels of cycling experience.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Vienna

Meet at airport and transfer to Vienna – depending on flight times you can enjoy some free time exploring the sights of this wonderful city. We meet in the hotel in the evening for dinner and a briefing. (Lunch not included)

Day 2: Vienna – Bratislava

Leaving Vienna behind, we start cycling! We head east along the Danube River, following its bends through the Donau-Auen National Park. The route is predominantly flat and at the end of the day we cross into Slovakia and spend the night in its capital city, Bratislava. (Cycle approx. 43 miles)

Day 3: Bratislava – Tata

We pedal out of Bratislava, heading southeast alongside the border with Hungary. Once out of Slovakia we meander back and forth through picturesque farmland and woodlands before reaching Tata, a historic town dotted with baroque architecture. (approx 80 miles)

Day 4: Tata – Budapest

The landscape of Hungary is hilly but our route remains relatively flat as we pass the famous 'Danube Bend' before turning south to our finish line in Budapest. We finish the day with a celebration to mark our achievements! (cycle approx 77 miles)

Day 5: Depart Budapest

After a free morning to explore the stunning architecture and relaxing atmosphere of Budapest, we transfer to the airport before flying home and reflecting on our achievements! (Lunch not included)

GRADE | CHALLENGING (1)

Trip grades range from Challenging (1) to Extreme (5).

CHALLENGING trips involve full days of activity, and are designed to be challenging for those of good health and fitness, but are achievable for most people with a commitment to training and a can-do attitude.

See Trip Grading Explained.

CHALLENGE INFORMATION

DETAILED INFORMATION

Leaders & Trip Support

Your trip will be led by experienced Discover Adventure crew - selected for their knowledge and experience, friendliness and approachability, sense of humour and ability to safely and effectively deal with any situation that arises; they are also trained in first aid. The crew will have mobile phones and/or radios where appropriate, medical kit and other safety apparatus where necessary.

The number of crew and support vehicles looking after you will depend on the final size of your group, but the team will be looking after every aspect of your trip whether that's transporting your luggage, ensuring your route is clear, making you lunch and sorting out any mechanical problems. Support vehicles are with the group all of the time, and carry all luggage and spares.

Trip Safety

Your safety, and that of the rest of the group, is our highest priority. Our trips are designed and planned with safety in mind. Your crew will be equipped with communication devices (eg phones, radios and/or emergency satellite phones), medical kit and other safety apparatus appropriate to the destination. Our leaders always have access to our 24-hour emergency UK back-up. They are responsible for safety on the trip, and will make any changes to the itinerary they deem necessary, should local conditions dictate. Pre-trip administration - such as medical questionnaires and travel insurance as appropriate - is all done with your safety in mind.

Accommodation

We usually stay in hotels or lodges of a 2-3* standard or equivalent. Standards may vary between the hotels but they are generally comfortable and convenient for our route. Hotels are often on the outskirts of towns to minimise unnecessary extra mileage and avoid traffic.

Roomshare Arrangements

Accommodation is usually on a twin-share basis in hotels convenient to our route. Please tell us if you know somebody else on the trip that you would like to share with and we will try our best to accommodate your request. If you don't know anyone else in the group don't worry, we always pair you up with someone of the same gender, and a similar age where possible. We do not charge a single supplement if you are a solo traveller in a shared room.

There may be a limited number of single rooms subject to request, on a first-come first-served basis, after you have booked. Extra charges will apply.

Food & Dietary Requirements

We like to support local businesses and will source food locally wherever we can. Lunches will be a mix of restaurants along the route or supplies will be purchased from local shops; dinners are usually eaten at the hotel. For larger sized groups we may opt to cater the lunches ourselves with a buffet style provision. Being vegetarian or having other dietary requirements is not usually a problem provided you let us know well in advance. Having said that, despite working very hard with the hotels, it doesn't always translate into what we'd like for you. If this is the case on your trip, please chat to the crew at the time and they will do their best to find a solution. If you know there are plenty of foods you cannot eat you may wish to bring extra snacks from home so you can top up your energy supply.

PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGE

Clothing & Kit

We plan our trips around the optimal weather conditions, but could still be exposed to bad weather at any time. It is vital you are prepared for all conditions. We provide you with a detailed packing kit-list on registration, with plenty of information, and we are always available if you need advice.

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Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

Please note: This document was downloaded on 25 Apr 2024, and the challenge is subject to change.