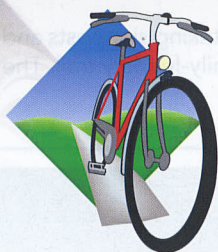


# CYCLETOURS

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## THE **TOP 14** CYCLE TOURS



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# THE CYCLE ROUTES AND REGIONS

## 1 ALPE ADRIA CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Salzburg or Grado

**DESTINATION:** Grado or Salzburg

**LENGTH:** 410 km

This route stretches 410 kilometres through the Salzburger Land, Carinthia and Friuli Venezia Giulia: since time immemorial the Alps have exerted an unrivalled fascination. For centuries considered an eerie region of dangers and legends, nowadays this mighty range is a prime destination for hikers and cyclists attracted by their magic and beauty. With the new north-south cycle crossing from Salzburg to the Adriatic a long-cherished dream has become a reality.

## 2 DANUBE CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Passau

**DESTINATION:** Vienna (or Bratislava)

**LENGTH:** 434 km (Passau to Vienna: 365 km)

Cycling along the Danube is a delight for the whole family. The river is a constant companion on this route, which benefits throughout from a slight slope, from Passau via Vienna to the Austrian-Slovakian state border near Hainburg. E-cycles can be hired at specially signposted e-bike hire stations and recharged free of charge at any time at numerous public charging points. A tour packed with memorable experiences.



## 3 DRAU CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Toblach

**DESTINATION:** Maribor

**LENGTH:** 366 km

This pleasant tour on the Drau Cycle Trail between Sillian in East Tyrol and Maribor in Slovenia offers the opportunity to marvel at the majestic peaks of the Lienz Dolomites and to explore impressive towns and picture-book villages. On top of these attractions, the visitor can also enjoy Carinthia's warm, crystal-clear bathing lakes.



## 4 ENNS CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Flachau (Flachauwinkl)

**DESTINATION:** Enns (connection with Danube Cycle Trail)

**LENGTH:** 263 km

This hilly tour with a series of demanding intermediate ascents is an interesting challenge, featuring impressive mountain backdrops, wild and romantic valleys and raging rivers. The route passes through the federal states of Salzburg, Styria and Upper Austria and is an insider tip for nature lovers.

## 5 EUROVELO9

**START:** Blansko/Czech Republic

**DESTINATION:** Maribor/Slovenia

**LENGTH:** 566 km

The „EuroVelo 9“ cycle route, currently 566 km in length, is part of the European Long-Distance Cycle Route Network and in a

few years' time will link the Baltic coast of Poland with Croatia's Adriatic coast – an incredible total length of 1,920 kilometres! At the moment, however, it is a real pleasure tour from the small town of Blansko in Southern Moravia through sun-kissed southern and eastern Austria to Maribor in Slovenia. En route, the cyclist can enjoy historical towns, romantic vineyards and lanes with wine cellars and numerous thermal springs that are just perfect for winding down.

## 6 INN CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Maloja/Engadin

**DESTINATION:** Passau

**LENGTH:** 517 km

From the river's source in the Maloja Pass in Switzerland to its confluence with the Danube in Passau, the route stretches an impressive 517 km. This is a varied cycle route, from the peaks of the Alps to the hilly terrain of Bavaria and Upper Austria.

## 7 MUR CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Muhr in the Lungau district of Salzburg or Sticklerhütte

**DESTINATION:** Legrad in Croatia

**LENGTH:** 457 km from Sticklerhütte, 443 km from Muhr

One of Austria's most diverse cycle trails starts in Lungau in Salzburg, where the Mur is a small, fast-running stream and the route features a few small intermediate ascents. Right until it ends in the Croatian town of Legrad, where the Mur meets the Drau, this trail leaves nothing to be desired in terms of contrasting landscapes.



## 8 MÜHLVIERTEL CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Kramesau on the Danube

**DESTINATION:** Grein/Upper Austria or Arbesbach/Lower Austria (connection with Waldviertel Trail)

**LENGTH:** 240 km

This rather demanding route snakes along the Bavarian and south Bohemian border through the mysterious and mystical granite landscape of the Mühlviertel region. This tour through glorious scenery features gentle hills and dense woodland.

## 9 LAKE NEUSIEDL CYCLE TRAIL

**LENGTH:** 121,5 km

Along the reed belt, past vineyards, moist meadows and salt lakes, this family-friendly route traverses the Lake Neusiedl UNESCO World Heritage Site around Central Europe's westernmost steppe lake.



## 10 ROMAN CYCLE TRAIL

**START:** Passau (or Schärding)

**DESTINATION:** Attersee or Enns

**LENGTH:** 242 km

The Roman helmets along the route are striking signposts and allude to the historical context of this family-friendly trail. The

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route leads past numerous sites of finds and interesting information boards on life in Roman times from Passau via Lake Atter and Wels to Enns on the Danube.

### 11 SALZKAMMERGUT CYCLE TRAIL

**A LOOP TRAIL IN THE SALZKAMMERGUT**  
**LENGTH:** 351 km; lots of opportunities for excursions and extensions (an additional 300 km). Several cycle junctions make it possible to cycle smaller circular trails too.

The world-famous Salzkammergut region is blessed with crystal-clear lakes and picturesque mountain peaks. It also entices with history-steeped spots to rest and culinary specialities. Largely on gentle, asphalted trails, the route leads through the gorgeous scenery of the states of Upper Austria, Salzburg and Styria, which once captivated the Austrian emperor and artists such as Gustav Klimt.

### 12 TAUERN CYCLE TRAIL



**START:** Krimml  
**DESTINATION:** Passau  
**LENGTH:** 310 km

Running beside the Salzach and Saalach rivers and against the backdrop of the Hohen Tauern mountains, this route offers a wealth of glorious scenery and cultural attractions between the Salzburger Land and Upper Austria.

### 13 TRAISENTAL CYCLE TRAIL



**START:** Traismauer  
 (Danube Cycle Trail)  
**DESTINATION:** Mariazell  
**LENGTH:** 111 km

One of the most popular trails in Lower Austria connects Traismauer on the Danube with the famous pilgrimage site of Mariazell. The romantic Traipsee, a tributary of the Danube, accompanies the trail.

### 14 VIA CLAUDIA AUGUSTA

**START:** Donauwörth (Germany)  
**DESTINATION:** Altino near Venice or Ostiglia on the Po (both in Italy)  
**LENGTH:** ca. 710 km

Emperor Claudius had the Via Claudia Augusta extended to create the first proper road through the Alps, which connected the Adriatic port of Altinum with the Danube. The culture and trading route of the Roman Empire come vividly to life again on this captivating cycle trail.





# CERTIFIED CYCLE TRAILS AND ACCOMMODATION



Cyclists deserve quality! What cyclists can expect locally, the appearance of routes and the level of service quality are determined by the German Cyclist Association (ADFC), which confers its „ADFC Quality Cycle Route“ seal of quality. The assessment of a cycle route is based on ten criteria which include route signage, the condition of cycle trails and tourist infrastructure. Having undergone assessment, the route in question is then awarded 1-/2-/3-/4- or 5-star ADFC quality cycle route status for three years.



The certification is quoted for qualified tours.

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## ADFC bed+bike quality criteria for cycle-friendly accommodation providers

- Acceptance of guests travelling by cycle even for one night
- Lockable room for free overnight storage of cycles
- Room for drying clothing and equipment
- Provision of a vitamin- and carbohydrate-rich breakfast
- Display, loan or sale of regional cycle touring maps and cycle touring guides, rail and bus timetables and, where appropriate, boat and ferry services;
- Provision of a cycle repair kit with the most important tools for basic repair and maintenance work
- Loan or rental of good-quality cycles
- Provision of information on one-day cycle tours in the vicinity of the accommodation and on the region
- Reservation service for the next overnight stay in cycle-friendly establishments
- Provision of important replacement parts in consultation with the nearest workshop
- Information on other cycle-friendly establishments in the region

A list of bed+bike establishments and the current offering can be found at: [www.bettundbike.at](http://www.bettundbike.at)