



Alternate Bike Route Vienna-Budapest

Passau-Vienna, Vienna-Budapest are very popular bike trips.

This new route offers an alternative route. Either for those who have already done the Passau-Vienna-Budapest or first travelers. The highlights of this route are riding along two of the largest lakes in Europe and experiencing the Hungarian Puszta.

From Vienna you ride along the Danube before turning south towards Lake Neusiedl. You ride along the east side of the lake until you get to Hungary and continue south, passing through small villages, many with thermal baths and spas, until you reach Lake Balaton, the favorite vacation spot for the Hungarians. Once there, you have the choice of which side of the lake you ride on. Regardless which you choose, you won't go wrong and the distance is almost the same, only about 10-15km different. The south side being shorter.

Upon reaching the end of Lake Balaton you continue on, passing Lake Velence, a smaller lake but still an important vacationing spot for Hungarians. From here it is about 80km to Budapest.

FYI: this route is not suitable for racing/road bikes. We recommend either our KTM trekking bikes or our KTM electric bikes.

Here we list different route possibilities depending on how much time you have:

- 1) Do the trip as described above; starting in Vienna and biking the entire way to Budapest. The trip is marked as 500km but in our experience you need to add 10 to 15% for wrong turns and visiting sites off the trail. Allowing for biking 70km per day, a 10 day trip.
- 2) Skip the first part, Vienna to Neusiedl am See (80km) or to Pamhagen (100km) and take a train. This would shorten the trip by 1 to 3 days depending on which town you go to. The train to Neusiedl takes 40 minutes and to Pamhagen 1 hour and 22 minutes. Allowing for biking 70km per day, a 7 to 8 day trip.
- 3) Skip the first part, Vienna to Neusiedl am See, and the last part from Velence to Budapest; take the train at the beginning and at the end. The train from Velence to Budapest takes about 45 minutes, saving 1 or 2 days depending on how you plan it. Allowing for biking 70km per day, a 6 to 7 day trip.

- 4) Go whole hog 😊 and bike the trails around Lake Neusiedl and Lake Balaton and spend a month!
- 5) For those who wish to visit Bratislava on the way: Just follow the Danube bike Trail from Vienna to Bratislava. From Bratislava then to Kittsee and Neusiedl am See. About 40km longer.

*Unfortunately only a German language bike guide is available but we still recommend it as you don't need German to follow the maps and use the useful list in the back with places to stay. You can either order the guide from Amazon or we will lend you a copy when you pick up your rental bikes.

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