

Tips for Bicyclists: Discover Vienna by Bicycle

You can travel fast with a bicycle, but still slowly enough to enjoy Vienna's sights on the way. Vienna offers more than 1,200 kilometers of bicycle paths, some of them in areas with hardly any traffic.

Explore Vienna by bicycle: whether you bring your own or rent one, the city has a lot to offer to bicyclists. We have collected a few tips for your bicycling tour through the metropolis on the Danube, such as where you can rent a bicycle or get one repaired, at what times you are allowed to take it on Vienna's public transportation system, and when guided city tours are offered for bicyclists. You can even go mountain biking in the Vienna Woods. For information on cycling tours in Austria see www.radtouren.at

From the Danube Bicycle Path to the Center of Vienna

The famous bicycle path along the Danube leads from Germany through Austria to Hungary. Many bicyclists arrive in Vienna via this route, either for a stopover or as their final destination. To reach the center from the Danube Bicycle Path in the northern part of the city, in **Nussdorf**, turn onto the **Danube Canal Bicycle Path** and proceed to **Urania-Sternwarte**.

At Urania, you join the **Sightseeing Bicycle Path Ringstrasse** ("Ring-Rund-Radweg") that encircles Vienna's old city. You can see famous attractions along the way, such as the Opera, Parliament and Burgtheater. Several important bicycle paths branch off the Ring-Rund-Radweg, like the one from Schwarzenbergplatz to Südbahnhof (Southern Railway Station) via Argentinierstrasse; and at Bellariastrasse to **Westbahnhof** (Western Railway Station).

If you want to return to the Danube Bicycle Path from **Urania**, take the **Aspern Bridge**, **Praterstrasse** and **Prater Hauptallee**, where you can find the ramp to the **Prater Bridge** (before you reach the bridge, to your left): Cross the bridge and follow **Hubertusdamm** downstream and continue to the **Lobau**, a river forest with meadows at the south-eastern edge of Vienna. From here, the Danube Bicycle Path is signposted until **Hainburg** as you continue to travel through the wetland forest, which is part of one of Europe's last primeval forests. This section of the Danube Bicycle Path is also ideal for a shorter excursion.

Bicyclist-friendly Hotels & Pensions

Dozens of Viennese hotels and pensions of all categories gladly accommodate bicyclists. They offer locked parking areas free of charge, bicycle repair and special information for bicyclists.

In the **Hotel Guide** of the Vienna Tourist Board you will find their addresses, telephone and fax numbers as well as email addresses. The Hotel Guide can be found at **Tourist Info** (1st district, Albertinaplatz/Maysedergasse, daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.). You can directly book your bicyclist room here (Tel. + 43-1-24 555, fax: +43-1-24 555 666, email: info@wien.info) or online at **www.wien.info**

Guided Tours through Vienna

Pedal Power

Guided city tour on bicycle paths or streets with little traffic – the ideal way to discover Vienna.

Season: April 6 to 30, 2012: Fr – Su: May 1 to September 30, 2012: daily, rain or shine

Languages: German & English

Preregistration: by phone or through www.pedalpower.at.

Prices: (discounts for children, students, seniors)

- Morning or afternoon tour including rental bicycle: 26 euros. Free child seat (please reserve)

- Tour with your own bicycle: 22 euros

Combination ticket: Guided city tour and bicycle rental for one day: 39 euros, delivery and pickup at hotel per bicycle 4 euros.

Morning tour: Classic Vienna Tour

Vienna State Opera, Ring Boulevard, Burggarten, Mozart Monument, Museum of Natural History and Museum of Fine Arts, Heldenplatz, Hofburg Palace, Michaelerplatz, Volksgarten, Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater, Vienna University, Schottenkirche, Am Hof, Judenplatz, Tuchlauben, Brandstätte, Jasomirgottstrasse, St.Stephen's Cathedral – Stock im Eisen-Platz, Albertina, Hrdlicka Monument, Vienna State Opera.

Meeting point: 9:45 a.m. in front of the Vienna State Opera, departure: 10 am, duration: 3 hours, end: approx. 1 p.m. near the Vienna State Opera

Afternoon tour: Culture & Danube Tour

Vienna State Opera, Secession, Karlsplatz, Schwarzenbergplatz, Stadtpark, Danube Canal, Hundertwasserhaus, KunstHausWien, Prater, Praterbrücke, Danube, Danube Island, Reichsbrücke, Lassallestrasse, Giant Ferris Wheel, Praterstrasse, Urania, Ring Boulevard, Post Office Savings Bank, War Ministry, Radetzky Monument, Museum of Applied Arts, Johann Strauss Monument, Ring Boulevard, Vienna State Opera.

Meeting point: 2:15 p.m. in front of the Vienna State Opera, departure: 2:30 p.m., duration: approx. 3 hours, end: approx. 5:30 p.m. near the Vienna State Opera

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2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3

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10 % discount with the Vienna Card

Bike & Guide

Discover Vienna by bicycle – with your own bike or a rented one. Various tours with tourist guides, including:

Vienna Cul-tour: Bicycle tour through cultural Vienna

This tour covers the most important attractions in Vienna: It moves along the Ringstrasse, through the Old City, to the Hundertwasser House the KunstHausWien and the Prater, Vienna's large recreation area.

Vienna Na-tour: Bicycle tour through green Vienna

Vienna is greener than almost any other city. Explore “green Vienna” by bicycle: The tour leads through the Prater to the recreational paradise of the Danube Island and the romantic Old Danube. Distance: about 25 km.

Happy Hour Tour: Lively evening tour

The Viennese attractions along this tour sparkle in the evening light: St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Ringstrasse, Danube Canal - where the beach bars are gearing up for Happy Hour - to the Prater.

Prices: 1 – 4 persons: 112 euros / 5 – 10 persons: 122 euros / 11 – 20 persons: 132 euros (Each additional hour: 41 euros). Bike Rental per person: 14.50 euros

Season: April to October

Duration: 2 1/2 to 3 hours depending on group size

Dates: Daily - Preregistration required

Languages: German and English

Meeting Point: By agreement

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”Vienna City Bike Tour” by Vienna Explorer

With two tours daily during the cycling season, Vienna Explorer offers a packed program:

Morning tour

The attractions in the city center and along the Ringstraße are close to one another: the Vienna State Opera, the imposing Imperial Palace, the Roman ruins on Michaelerplatz, Vienna's symbol – St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Albertina, the Hotel Sacher ...

Afternoon tour

On the way, pass by the Secession, the Stadtpark with the golden Strauss memorial, the colorful Hundertwasserhaus and the Prater pleasure park with Giant Ferris Wheel and giant green space. Route also crosses the Danube – Danube Island is a hotspot for cyclists.

Prices: 26 euros, discounts for children, students (including rental bike!)

Season: May to September (April 6-30, 2012 Fri, Sat, Sun); exceptions on request

Duration: 3 hours

Times: daily at 9.45 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. – registration required, whatever the weather.

Languages: German and English

Meeting point: at the State Opera (corner of Opernring/Operngasse)

Vienna Explorer

15., Haidmannngasse 8

Tel. +43-1-890 96 82

E-Mail: info@viennaexplorer.com

www.viennaexplorer.com

Around the old city at the Sightseeing Bicycle Path “Ring Boulevard”

We recommend that you plan your bicycle trip with the help of a city map or a bicycle map of Vienna. The city map of the Vienna Tourist Board is available free of charge at your hotel or at the Tourist Information Office (1st district, Albertinaplatz, daily from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.). You can find tips about bicycle maps of Vienna in “Literature and Maps”. Your hotel will also be glad to give you information about particular routes.

Start at **Marienbrücke near Schwedenplatz** (U1, U4, tram 1, 2) and continue along Franz-Josefs-Kai to **Urania**. There, turn onto the **Sightseeing Bicycle Path Ringstrasse**, which will take you along this splendid avenue around the old city – passing many of Vienna’s best attractions.

Take a look at the splendor of art nouveau at **Otto Wagner's Postsparkasse** (Post Office Savings Bank), stop to take a picture of the **golden Johann Strauss monument** in Vienna's City Park, and ride past **the Vienna State Opera** – one of the most renowned opera houses in the world, with a constantly changing schedule on 300 days per year.

The **Imperial Palace** greets you with imperial magnificence, the **Museum of Fine Arts** across the street boasts the largest collection of Bruegels in the world, and the new **MuseumsQuartier** behind it is among the ten largest museum districts in the world. And of course, the dinosaur skeletons at Vienna's **Museum of Natural History** are a highlight for young and old alike.

The **Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater** and University offer a representative sample of late nineteenth century architecture. At the place where you can see the neo-gothic **Votivkirche**, the Ring slopes slightly downward. This means that you might move a little faster on your way down to the **Danube Canal** – please pay special attention to crossing traffic (there is also a tram crossing).

At the Danube Canal you have the choice to either bike along the **promenade** at the canal itself (exit ramp on the left, near Augartenbrücke), or continue along the **old city** – in both cases, you will return to your starting point after 4.5 kilometers of pedaling, with a wealth of new impressions.

Other thematic bicycle paths ...

... such as the Danube Canal bicycle path, the Wiental bicycle path or the adventure bicycle path “Dampfross & Drahtesel” (along an old railway route) can be found on the website of the City of Vienna:

www.wien.gv.at/verkehr/radfahren/radnetz/themenradwege/

Tips for Bicycle Excursions

To the Lobau

Expert rangers will guide you along the biking network in the Lobau area, where you can experience the attractions of the Donau-Auen National Park and learn about the forest's ecosystem and special features. **Guided bicycle tours** are offered from Easter to the end of October for groups of more than 6 adults.

Meeting point: Lobau stop for bus line 91A at the bicycle rental at Ostbahnbrücke (other meeting points upon request). Those who don't have their own bicycle can rent one at a reduced price at the Ostbahnbrücke bicycle rental.

Travel: Schnellbahn City Train S 80 to station Lobau or subway U1 to Kaisermühlen, bus 91A to Schnellbahn City Train Lobau

Prices: 10 euros for adults, 5 euros for children (6 - 15 years old)

Appointments by registration only under tel. +43-1-4000 49495

To the Kahlenbergedorf vineyards

If you pedal west of the city center on the Danube Bicycle Path, the attractive route will take you along the Danube into the idyllic Kahlenbergedorf. This quaint village at the foot of the Leopoldsberg has maintained its original appearance as a wine-growing center and is famous for its Heurige. Particularly athletic bicyclists will continue along the route to Klosterneuburg and visit its 900-year-old abbey.

For Specialists: Mountain biking in the Vienna Woods

The hills of the "Wienerwald", north and west of Vienna, are a paradise for mountain biking. The hills of the woods border the city in the north and west. Everything you want to know about what is permitted, what you can see and do and what is better not done, can be found here:

www.wien.gv.at/verkehr/radfahren/mobil/mountainbike.html

Bicycle Rentals

You can rent a bicycle starting at about 4 euros per hour. You will need an ID, which the rental place will keep until you return the bike.

Bicycle Rental Hochschaubahn

2nd district, Prater 113, near Hochschaubahn (Roller Coaster)

March – November 2 daily from 10 a.m. (Sat, Sun 9:30 a.m.) until dusk

Tel. +43-1-729 58 88

www.radverleih-hochschaubahn.com

Bicycle repair; also electric bikes, bicycle rickshaws, tandems, pedal mobiles

Bicycle Rental Prater

2nd district, Prater Hauptallee, Parzelle 94 (at the Ferris Wheel Liliputbahn Station)

March 15 – 31, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., April – Sept. 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Oct. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Closed in bad weather

Tel. +43-676-635 73 88

www.fahrradverleih-prater.at

with quick service, flat tire repair; also bicycle rickshaws

e-zweirad.at

2nd district., Vereinsgasse 9/4

Rental possible daily by prior telephone appointment

Tel.: + 43-664+734 762 52

http://e-zweirad.at

Rental and repair of electric bicycles. With bicycle delivery to hotels

Bicycle Rental Pedal Power

2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3

March 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., April and October 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., May to September 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tel. +43-1-729 72 34

www.pedalpower.at

with bicycle delivery to hotels. Maps with indicated tours included

10 % discount with the Vienna Card

Riebl Sport

5th district, Schönbrunner Strasse 63

Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tel. +43-1-544 75 34

Enzovelo

9th district, Spittelauer Länder 11

Mo – Fr 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – prior registration requested

Tel. +43-1-310 05 45

www.enzovelo.at

E-Bike rental (bicycles with motor to backup pedal power) and of bicycles

Vienna Explorer

15., Haidmannngasse 8, near Westbahnhof

May-October daily 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., 5 – 8 p.m.

Tel. +43-1-890 96 82

Mobile: +43-650-439 02 10

www.viennaexplorer.com

Maps with indicated tours included

Radsport Nussdorf

19th district Donaupromenade / at the bicycle path

April – September daily 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

February, March, October and November daily 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tel. +43-1-370 45 98

www.donau-fritzi.at

with bicycle repair; also e-bikes

Aschauer's Bike Rental Danube Island

21st district, Floridsdorfer Brücke (right on Danube Island at the car park Floridsdorfer Brücke)

March – October from 9:30 a.m. until dusk, only with nice weather

Tel. +43-1-278 86 98

www.radverleihdonauinsel.at

Bicycle repair; also e-bikes, e-scooters, e-rickshaws, tricycles, tandems, bicycle rickshaws

Bicycle and Skate Rental Copa Cagrana, company Walter

22nd district, Reichsbrücke / Donauinsel, Am Damm 1 (U1 station Donauinsel, Hubertusdamm exit)

May through August daily 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. / April and September daily 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. / March and October daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tel. +43-1-263 52 42

www.fahrradverleih.at

with handicap bicycle rental, bicycle repair; also e-bikes, tandems, rickshaws, go-carts

Bicycle Rental Ostbahnbrücke

22nd district, Donauinsel / Ostbahnbrücke km 8.5

March, April, October, November (down to 15 degrees): Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sat, Sun 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

May – September: Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sat, Sun 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Tel. +43-664-974 37 18

www.radverleih-ostbahnbruecke.at

With bicycle repair; also tandems, golf cars, Segways

Electric bike rental

22nd district Danube Island - Sunken City, by the Reichsbrücke

Easter – October, daily from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Tel. +43-676 944 38 31

office@aev-tech.com

www.aev-tech.com

Rental of electric city bikes, electric mountain bikes, electric scooters, electric quad bikes (no bicycles)

Electric bike charging points

Vienna already offers numerous electric bike charging stations. Electric bikes can be charged **for free** at all Wien-Energie stations. Charging stations can also be found along popular bicycle paths:

- Charging station in the Prater, 2nd district, Riesenradplatz 5
- Charging point at the Summerstage, 9th district, Rossauer Lände
Donaupromenade / on the International Danube Cycle Path

You can find a list of **all free electric bike charging stations** as a PDF download at

WWW.WIEN.INFO

Citybike Vienna

The Citybike is a public bike rental system that allows you to visit Vienna's sights by bicycle at your convenience. The Citybikes may be rented out and returned at any of the **public rental stations** in Vienna. Information about how many bicycles are available at which stations can be obtained at the terminals and on the Internet.

Locations:

There are about 100 stations that are usually located near subway stations or other public transportation.

Registration: On the Internet at www.citybikewien.at or directly at the Citybike Terminal with a credit card (Master Card, Visa, JCB) or a Maestro Card (debit card) by an Austrian bank. One-time registration fee: 1 euro (only one bicycle per card!)

Rental charges: The duration of the rental starts with the removal of a Citybike from the bike box and ends when the Citybike is returned to a bike box.

The first hour is free, after which a usage fee is charged:

2nd hour: 1 euro per started hour

3rd hour: 2 euros per started hour

4th – 120th hour: 4 euros for each started hour. Flat fee for exceeding the hours: 600 euros

Loss: If the bicycle is lost, the renter is liable for the value of the Citybike in the amount of 600 euros.

Citybike Tourist Card at Pedal Power

The bicycle specialist Pedal Power offers a special service for tourists: You can rent several bikes at the same time with your credit card, without having to register with Citybike.

How to do it: Leave your credit card details with Pedal Power as security in return for the desired number of Citybike tourist maps (one per bike) for the desired duration - and off you pedal. Map rental fee: 2 euros per day

Pedal Power

2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3, March 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April, October 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., May to September 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

and

1st district, Elisabethstraße 13, May – Sept. 8.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. (office)

www.pedalpower.at

Bicycles and Public Transportation

Bike and Ride

All important traffic junctions – especially at subway stations – provide the opportunity to park bicycles (about 9,000 bicycle stands) if one wants to change to public transportation. Parking is free of charge: it is recommended, however, to lock the bicycle to prevent theft.

Bicycle Transport in Vienna's Public Transportation

U-Bahn (Subway)

Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and after 6:30 p.m., Sat from 9 am, Sun and holidays all day. In the subway line U6, bicycles may only be transported in cars with lowered entrances – entry is permitted only through those doors that are specially marked with a bicycle symbol. In the subway, please always place your bicycle perpendicular to the direction in which the train travels.

Prices: Until April 30, 2012: Half-price ticket: 0.90 euros. Free from May 1, 2012.

Schnellbahn (City Train)

Bicycles are permitted at any time in every train.

Prices: Day Ticket 5 euros (less with the ÖBB discount card)

Bicycles on Trains

The Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) offer different opportunities to take your bicycle on your trip:

In trains which are marked with a bicycle symbol in the timetable, you can take your bicycle at any time.

- **Regio Biking** means that you can take your bicycle on regional and regional express trains as well as S-Bahn lines. Reservations are not possible; the bicycle can only be accommodated if there are enough spaces. Costs: transferable bicycle carriage card 5 euros/day
- With **InterCity-Biking** (reservations required!), you can also take your bike on longer trips: in most IC trains over medium and longer distances and in individual EN-, EC- and D-trains. Cost: 10 euros.
- **Biking International:** International biking is possible on some trains to and from Austria to Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland. They are marked with the symbol "Bicycle in a black square" in the timetable. Cost: 12 euros.
- **With the "Einfach-Raus" Simple Getaway Bicycle Ticket** you can start your trip in groups of two to five persons each. Cost: total group ticket including bicycle transport: 35 euros.

Bicycles as Baggage within Austria: "House to House Baggage Plus"

For longer train trips, the Austrian Federal Railway offers a "House to House Baggage Plus" service for bicycles. Your bicycle will be picked up where you are staying (at your hotel, for instance) and sent directly to your ultimate destination. This service should be requested at least two working days ahead, directly at the train station where you buy your ticket or by phone at tel. +43 05 17 17. Pick-up and delivery appointments are available Monday to Friday. The bicycle transport is only possible in connection with a train ticket.

Information: Tel. +43 05 17 17, www.oebb.at and in the brochure "Bahn & Rad" (free of charge in all train stations).

Additional Information for Cyclists

- Please note that bicycling against the traffic in one-way streets is permitted only if these are specially marked.
- Please wear a helmet for your own safety.

Event Tips for Cyclists

Argus Bike Festival

The Argus Bike Festival in the Vienna City Hall Park is held at the start of the biking season in April each year and is a fixed date for passionate cyclists. It includes a bicycle trade show, test parcours and show programs. This makes the Argus Bike Festival the largest bicycle event in Austria.

www.bikefestival.at

City Classics Vienna

May 5/6, 2012 are the dates of the first City Classics Vienna – with bicycle marathon, a race open to everyone, bike hiking day, e-bike challenge and exposition. Planned as an annual event.
www.cityclassicsvienna.at

Bicycle Film Festival Vienna

The international Bicycle Film Festival brings top-class bicycle films, a big party and biking activities to Vienna in September. An annual highlight for the bike community.

www.bicyclefilmfestival.com

Bicycling According to a Plan – Literature and Maps

The following maps are available at bookstores. They contain good tips for bicycling in Vienna and its environs. The text is in German, but the maps offer useful information:

Bicycle Tour Book Danube Bicycle Path by Roland Esterbaue: 12.40 euros each.

Part 2, Passau-Vienna and Part 3, Vienna-Budapest

(also available in English: Danube Bike Trail Part 2 / From Passau to Vienna und Part 3 / Vienna to Budapest. 14.99 euros each)

Vienna bike map. Cycle routes and paths, mountain bike routes. freytag & berndt, 7.95 euros

Bicycle Map Danube Bicycle Path, freytag & berndt, 7.95 euros

Hiking, Bicycle and Leisure Time Map Danube Bicycle Path Passau/ Eferding / Sauwald / Schärding, freytag & berndt, 7.95 euros

Bicycle and Leisure Time Map: Mostviertel / Mariazeller Land / Vienna Woods, freytag & berndt, 7.95 euros

Bicycle and Leisure Time Map: Wiener Becken / Lake Neusiedler See, freytag & berndt, 7.95 euros

City Map of Vienna for Bicyclists, ARGUS, 8.80 euros

Danube Cycle Path: The most beautiful bicycle tours. 27 day stages. M. Reimer / W. Taschner, ADAC TourBooks, 13.40 euros

Cycle Guide Danube Cycle Path Passau – Vienna – Bratislava, 8 day stages incl. map material. Kompass, 14.95 euros

Vienna Woods, Hiking and bike map 1:50,000, Kompass, 7.50 euros

Vienna Woods: Set of bike-hike maps with nature guide to meadow flowers, Kompass, 10 euros

Hiking Map National Park Donauauen-Vienna-Bratislava-Neusiedl am See with short guide and bicycle routes 1:50.000, Kompass, 9.99 euros

Transportation Clubs - Additional Information

ARBÖ (Austrian Automobile and Bicycle Association): www.arboe.at

ARGUS (Association of environment-friendly city traffic): www.argus.or.at

ÖAMTC (Austrian automobile, motor-bike and touring club): www.oeamtc.at

VCÖ (Austrian Transportation Club): www.vcoe.at