

# Discover Vienna by Bicycle

## Tips for Bicyclists

**Jump on your bicycle and hit the pedals: with a bicycle you travel fast, but still slowly enough to enjoy Vienna's sights on the way. Vienna offers more than 1,000 kilometers of bicycle paths, some of them in areas with hardly any traffic.**

For your bicycling tour through the metropolis on the Danube we have put together a few tips, like where you can rent a bicycle, at what times it is allowed to take it with you on Vienna's public transportation system, and when guided city tours are offered for bicyclists. Discover Vienna from the saddle of a bicycle. For information on Cycling Tours in Austria see [www.radtouren.at](http://www.radtouren.at)

## From the Danube Bicycle Path to the Center of Vienna

At the northern edge 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. Several important bicycle paths branch off it, 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 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 (part of one of the last "jungles" in Europe) at the south-eastern edge of Vienna. From here, the Danube Bicycling Path is labelled until **Hainburg**.

## 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 e-mail addresses. Book your room at **Wien-Hotels & Info** (Tel. + 43-1-24 555, Fax: +43-1-24 555 666, E-Mail: [wienhotels@wien.info](mailto:wienhotels@wien.info)) or online at [www.wien.info](http://www.wien.info)

## Guided Tours

### Pedal Power

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

#### Prices:

Morning or afternoon tour including rental bicycle: 26 Euros

Students: 22 Euros

Children: 14 Euros

Child seat (please reserve): free

Tour with your own bicycle: 22 Euros, children: 10 Euros

Guided tours: 3 persons minimum

Guided tours from May 1 through September 30, in any weather

Languages: German & English

Combination ticket: Guided city tour and bicycle rental for one day: 39 Euros, for students and seniors 35 Euros, delivery and pickup at hotel per bicycle 4 Euros.

Morning 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 am in front of Vienna State Opera, departure: 10 am, duration: 3 hours, end: approx. 1 pm near the Vienna State Opera

Afternoon tour:

Vienna State Opera, Sezession, 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, MAK, Johann Strauss Monument, Ring Boulevard, Vienna State Opera.

Meeting point: 2:15 pm in front of the Vienna State Opera, departure: 2:30 pm, duration: 2 ½ to 3 hours, end: approx. 5 pm near the Vienna State Opera

Pedal Power

2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3

Tel. +43-1-729 72 34

Fax. +43-1-729 72 35

E-Mail: office@pedalpower.at

www.pedalpower.at

**price reductions granted with Vienna Card**

### **Bike & Guide**

Discover Vienna on your bicycle – with all of your senses, first-hand, with your own bike or a rented one. There's a choice of two tours:

#### Wien Kul-Tour (Vienna Culture):

Along the Ring Boulevard, through the old city, to the Hundertwasser House and KunstHausWien and the Prater, Vienna's large amusement park and nature preserve.

#### Wien Na-Tour (Vienna Nature):

Through the Prater to the New Danube – crossing the Danube Island to the romantic Old Danube.

#### Prices:

1 – 4 persons: 105 Euros

5 – 10 persons: 118 Euros

11 – 20 persons: 128 Euros

Additional hour: 41 Euros

Bike Rental per person: 14 to 17 Euros

#### Meeting Point:

A centrally located rental store (e.g. Südbahnhof, Westbahnhof).

Customers with their own bicycles: central meeting point, possibly at your hotel, by appointment by telephone, fax, letter or e-mail.

#### Season:

April – October, Duration: 2 ½ – 3 hours, depending on size of group

#### Languages:

German & English

Bike & Guide, Franzisca Rausch

22., Gartensiedlung Mexico 29

Tel. & Fax: +43-1-2121135

E-Mail: office@bikeandguide.com

www.bikeandguide.com

Mobile: +43-6991-175 82 61

## **Suggestions for Routes: Around the old city at the Sightseeing Bicycle Path “Ring Boulevard”**

We advise that you plan your bicycle trip with the help of a city map – for example the city map of the Vienna Tourist Board, which is available free of charge at your hotel or at the Tourist Information Office (1st district, Albertinaplatz, daily from 9 am – 7 pm), or with a bicycle map of Vienna (see “Literature and Maps”). Your hotel will also provide tips.

Start at **Marienbrücke near Schwedenplatz** (U1, U4, Streetcar 1, 2, 21, N) and continue along Franz-Josefs-Kai to **Urania**. There, turn onto the **Sightseeing Bicycle Path “Ring Boulevard”**, which will take you on this splendid 56-meter-wide avenue around the old city – passing many important sights of Vienna:

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, ride by the **Vienna State Opera** – one of the most renowned opera houses in the world, with a constantly changing schedule of 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 complexes in the world. Of course, the skeletons of the dinosaurs at Vienna's **Museum of Natural History** are not only a highlight for kids.

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. You can be a little faster on your way down to the **Danube Canal** – please pay special attention to crossing traffic (including streetcars!).

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 pedalling.

## **Tips for Excursions**

### **To the Lobau:**

This excursion in one of Vienna's large leisure areas can be undertaken from Easter to the end of October – including a **guided bicycle tour free of charge**: for groups of more than 6 adults.

### Meeting point:

Bicycle rental at Ostbahnbrücke – Am Hochwasserschutzdamm (other meeting points upon request). Those who don't have their own bicycle can rent one at a reduced price at Ostbahnbrücke bicycle rental.

### Travel:

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

Appointment under Tel. +43-1-4000 49480

### **For Specialists: Mountain biking in Vienna**

The hills of the “Wienerwald”, north and west of Vienna, are a paradise for mountain biking. 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](http://www.wien.gv.at) (only in German).

## 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 10 am (Sat, Sun 9:30 am) until dusk  
Tel. +43-1-729 58 88  
[www.radverleih-hochschaubahn.com](http://www.radverleih-hochschaubahn.com)  
Bicycle-Rikscha-Rental

### **Bicycle Rental Pedal Power**

2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3  
March 9 am – 5 pm, April and October 8 am – 6 pm, May to September 8 – 7 pm  
Tel. +43-1-729 72 34  
[www.pedalpower.at](http://www.pedalpower.at)  
Bicycle delivery to hotels

### **Riebl Sport**

5th district, Schönbrunner Strasse 63  
Mon – Fri 9 am – 6 pm, Sat 9 am – 5 pm  
Tel. +43-1-544 75 34

### **Radsport Nussdorf**

19th district Donaupromenade / at the bicycle path  
March – October 8 am – 8 pm  
February and November 8 am – 6 pm  
Tel. +43-1-370 45 98  
[www.donau-fritzi.at](http://www.donau-fritzi.at)  
Bicycle repair

### **Danube Island / Floridsdorfer Brücke**

21st district, Floridsdorfer Brücke  
Beginning of March – end of October from 9:30 am until dusk  
Rest of the year: weather permitting  
Tel. +43-1-278 86 98  
With Rad-Rikscha rental agency, bicycle repair

### **Bicycle and Skate Rental Copa Cagrana**

22nd district, Reichsbrücke / Donauinsel, Am Damm 1  
May through August daily 9 am – 9 pm  
April and September daily 9 am – 8 pm  
March and October daily 9 am – 6 pm  
Tel. +43-1-263 52 42  
[www.fahrradverleih.at](http://www.fahrradverleih.at)  
Handicap-Bicycle-Rental, bicycle repair

### **Bicycle Rental Ostbahnbrücke**

22nd district, Donauinsel / Ostbahnbrücke km 8.5  
March, April: Mon 1 pm – 7 pm, Tue – Fri 11 am – 7 pm, Sat, Sun 10 am – 7 pm  
May – September: Mon 1 pm – 9 pm, Tue – Fri 9:30 am – 9 pm, Sat, Sun 9 am – 9 pm  
October, November: Mon 1 pm – 5 pm, Tue – Fri 11 am – 5 pm, Sat, Sun 10 am – 5 pm  
Tel. +43-664-974 37 18  
[www.radverleih-ostbahnbruecke.at](http://www.radverleih-ostbahnbruecke.at)

## 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 60 rental stations which are usually located near subway stations.

### Registration

On the Internet or directly at the Citybike Terminal with credit card (Master Card, Visa, JCB).  
Registration fee: 1 Euro

### Driving Charges (from borrowing until returning the bike at the station)

1st hour: free

2 hours: 1 Euro

3 hours: 3 Euros

Starting from the 4th hour: 4 Euros each

Card loss: 10 Euros, Bike loss: 600 Euros

### Citybike Tourist Card

Can be borrowed at the following places:

Royal Tours, 1., Herrengasse 1–3, daily 9 – 11:30 am and 1 – 6 pm

Pedal Power, 2., Ausstellungsstrasse 3, daily 9 am – 7 pm

The Citybike Tourist Card is also available at many hotels in Vienna.  
Borrowing charge: 2 Euros per day.

Citybike Info Hotline: Tel. 0810/500 500, [www.citybikewien.at](http://www.citybikewien.at), [kontakt@citybikewien.at](mailto:kontakt@citybikewien.at)

## Bicycles and Public Transportation

### **Bike and Ride**

All important traffic junctions – especially at subway stations – provide the opportunity to park bicycles (about 8,200 stations) 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 am – 3 pm and after 6:30 pm, 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 place your bicycle always perpendicular to the direction in which the train travels. Half-price ticket: 0.90 Euros.

#### Schnellbahn (City Train)

In every train bicycles are permitted at any time. Day Ticket 2.90 Euros.

## Bicycles on Trains

The Austrian Federal Railways offer a number of 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 semi-fast trains. Transferable bicycle ticket for 2.90 Euros per 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. In certain trains it is also possible to take your bicycle across the borders. The EC- / IC-Bicycle. EC-/IC-Bicycle Day Ticket for 6.80 Euros is also valid as bicycle day ticket on all other trains transporting bicycles.

**Biking International:** Biking international 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. You need an international bicycle ticket for 12 Euros.

**"Einfach-Raus" Bicycle Ticket:** For 35 Euros including bicycle transport you can start your trip in groups of two to five persons each.

## Bicycles as Transported Luggage

### **"House to House"-Transport**

For longer train trips, the Austrian Federal Railway offers a "House to House" 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 several days ahead, directly at the train station when you buy your ticket.

**More information** at Tel. +43-51717, [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at), as well as 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.

## **Bicycling according to a Plan – Literature and Maps**

In the following maps, you will find good tips for bicycling in Vienna and its environs. The text is in German, but the maps offer useful information (compiled by the bookshop MORAWA, 1st district, Wollzeile 11, Tel. +43-1-513 75 13-450, [www.morawa-buch.at](http://www.morawa-buch.at)):

### **Bicycle Map Danube Bicycle Path**

Part 2, Passau-Vienna, Esterbauer, 12.90 Euros  
Part 3, Vienna-Budapest, Esterbauer, 12.40 Euros  
(also available in English)

### **Bicycle Map Danube Bicycle Path**

freitag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

### **Hiking, Bicycle and Leisure Time Map**

Danube Bicycle Path/Passau/Eferding/Sauwald/Schärding  
freitag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

### **Bicycle and Leisure Time Map**

Mostviertel/Mariazeller Land/Vienna Woods  
freitag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

### **Bicycle and Leisure Time Map**

Wiener Becken/Lake Neusiedler See  
freitag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

### **Bicycle Map Vienna and Environs**

Rother, 10.20 Euros

### **Bicycle Map Vienna**

Esterbauer, 11.90 Euros

### **City Map of Vienna for Bicyclists**

ARGUS, 8.80 Euros

### **Reimer, Danube Bicycle Path Passau-Vienna-Budapest**

Bruckmann Verlag, 15.40 Euros

### **Hiking Map Wienerwald** with short guide, cross-country trails, bicycle path 1:35.000

Kompass, 7.50 Euros

### **Hiking Map National Park Donauauen-Vienna-Bratislava-Neusiedl am See** with bicycle routes and tour guides 1:50.000

Kompass, 7.50 Euros

## An Imperial Tip

The most traditional travelling route of kings and emperors leads along the Danube. The brochure "Route of Emperors and Kings" (available in German and English) describes how you can follow in their footsteps while experiencing European history first hand. It is available at:

ARGE "Strasse der Kaiser und Könige", Werbegemeinschaft Donau Oberösterreich  
Lindengasse 9  
4040 Linz  
Tel. +43-732-72 77-800  
Fax +43-732-72 77-804  
info@strassederkaiserundkoenige.com  
www.strassederkaiserundkoenige.com

## 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)  
Tel. +43-1-89 32 697  
www.vcoe.at

---

Vienna Tourist Board, 1020 Vienna, Obere Augartenstrasse 40, Tel. +43-1-24 555, Fax + 43-1-24 555-666,  
info@wien.info, www.wien.info, March 2009. Data, although carefully compiled, are given without commitment.