



Tips for Bicyclists

Discover Vienna by Bicycle

Jump on your bicycle and hit the pedals: with a bicycle you can 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.

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: wienhotels@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: Daily from May 1 to September 30, rain or shine

Languages: German & English

Dates: The tours listed below are offered daily.

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

Participation: is possible for individuals as well as groups.

Prices:

Morning or afternoon tour including rental bicycle: 26 Euros

Students & seniors: 22 Euros

Children under 12: 14 Euros

Child seat (please reserve): free

Tour with your own bicycle: 22 Euros, children under 12: 10 Euros

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

Afternoon 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 pm in front of the Vienna State Opera, departure: 2:30 pm, duration: approx. 3 hours, end: approx. 5:30 pm near the Vienna State Opera

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www.pedalpower.at
10 % discount with the Vienna Card

Bike & Guide

Discover Vienna on your bicycle – with your own bike or a rented one. There is a choice of two tours with tourist guides:

Wien Kul-Tour (Vienna Culture):

This tour covers the most important attractions in Vienna. It moves 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):

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.

Prices:

1 – 4 persons: 108 Euros
5 – 10 persons: 122 Euros
11 – 20 persons: 132 Euros
(Each additional hour: 41 Euros)
Bike Rental per person: 17 to 25 Euros

Season: April to October

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

Dates: Preregistration required by phone, fax, letter or email.

Languages: German & English

Meeting Point: A centrally located rental store (e.g. Südbahnhof, Westbahnhof).
Customers with their own bicycles: central meeting point, possibly at your hotel

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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 am – 7 pm). 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 pedalling, with a wealth of new impressions.

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 free of charge from Easter to the end of October for groups of more than 6 adults.

Appointments only upon request under Tel. +43-1-4000 49480

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

To the Kahlenbergerdorf 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 Kahlenbergerdorf. 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 10 am (Sat, Sun 9:30 am) until dusk
Tel. +43-1-729 58 88
www.radverleih-hochschaubahn.com
with bicycle rickshaw rental, bicycle repair

Bicycle Rental Prater

2nd district, Prater Hauptallee, Parzelle 94 (at the Ferris Wheel Liliputbahn Station)
March 15 – 31, 9 am – 7 pm, April – Sept. 9 am – 8 pm, Oct. 9 am – 7 pm
Closed in bad weather
Tel. +43-676-6357388
www.fahrradverleih-prater.at
with quick service, flat tire repair

Bicycle Rental Pedal Power

2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3
March 9 am – 5 pm, April and October 8 am – 6 pm, May to September 8 am – 7 pm
Tel. +43-1-729 72 34
www.pedalpower.at
with bicycle delivery to hotels
10% discount with the Vienna Card

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
April – September daily 8 am – 8 pm
February, March, October and November daily 8 am – 6 pm
Tel. +43-1-370 45 98
www.donau-fritzi.at
with bicycle repair

Danube Island / Floridsdorfer Brücke

21st district, Floridsdorfer Brücke

March – October from 9:30 am until dusk, only with nice weather

Tel. +43-1-278 86 98

with bicycle rickshaw rental, 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

with 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

With bicycle repair

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 around 60 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

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.

1st hour: free

2nd hour 1 Euro per started hour

3rd hour: 2 Euros per started hour

From the 4th hour – 120th hour: 4 Euros for each started hour

Flat fee for exceeding the hours: 600 Euros

Citybike Tourist Card

With the Citybike Tourist Card, tourists in Vienna can use the service even without an Austrian debit card or credit card. The Citybike Tourist Card can be rented and returned on a daily basis at one of the following stations:

Royal Tours, 1st district, Herrengasse 1–3, daily 8 am – 11:30 am and 1 – 6 pm

Pedal Power, 2nd district, Ausstellungsstrasse 3, March 9 am to 5 pm, April, October 8 am to 6 pm, May to September 8 am – 7 pm

The Citybike Tourist Card is also available at many hotels in Vienna.

Borrowing charge: 2 Euros per day.

Loss:

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

Citybike Info Hotline: Tel. 0810/500 500

www.citybikewien.at

Email 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 always place your bicycle perpendicular to the direction in which the train travels.

Prices: Half-price ticket: 0.90 Euros, free for holders of annual passes

Schnellbahn (City Train)

Bicycles are permitted at any time in every train.

Prices: Day Ticket 2.90 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 semi-fast trains.

Reservations are not possible; the bicycle can only be accommodated if there are enough

spaces. 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.

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. The international bicycle ticket costs 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 or by phone at Tel. +43-51717. The bicycle transport is only possible in connection with a train ticket.

Prices:

Regio-Biking

Transferable bicycle pass for 5 Euros per day

InterCity-Biking

Bicycle day pass for EC/IC for 10 Euros is also valid as a day pass for the bicycle in all other trains that transport bicycles.

Biking International: international bicycle pass for 12 Euros

"Einfach-Raus" Bicycle Ticket: 35 Euros including bicycle transportation

Information:

Tel. +43-51717, 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.

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):

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

freytag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

Hiking, Bicycle and Leisure Time Map

Danube Bicycle Path/Passau/Eferding/Sauwald/Schärding

freytag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

Bicycle and Leisure Time Map: Mostviertel/Mariazeller Land/Vienna Woods

freytag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

Bicycle and Leisure Time Map: Wiener Becken/Lake Neusiedler See

freytag & berndt, 6.95 Euros

Bicycle Map Vienna and Environs

Rother, 10.20 Euros

Bicycle Map Vienna – Bikeline Bicycle Map

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”

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www.strassederkaiserundkoenige.com

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