





PAST A VARIED LANDSCAPE TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LAKES

 self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 420-420 km

●●○ Medium

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights



DESCRIPTION

The Carinthia Lakes roundtrip is a ca. 400 km long cycle tour to the most beautiful lakes of Carinthia. Past blue and turquoise lakes, accompanied by a hilly and mountainous landscape, the route fascinates with a varied landscape. The Mediterranean influence in the south of Austria makes cycling a pleasure from April to October. The sportive or e-bike tour is a cycling tour for more ambitious and experienced cyclists. The route leads along roads with heavier traffic for several kilometres in some sections. Starting from Villach, the cycling capital of Carinthia, the cycling tour takes you to Lake Ossiach, Lake Millstätter See and Lake Weissensee, then from Lake Pressegg along the Gailtal cycle path past Lake Faak to the emerald-green Lake Wörthersee. The famous Drau cycle path (awarded 5 stars by the ADFC) takes you to Lake Klopeiner See and back to Villach via the provincial capital Klagenfurt. This tour leads mostly on well laid out bicycle routes, often directly along the lakesides. In some sections the route leads along federal roads without a cycle path. In addition, there is a long slope on the route to Weißensee to overcome. The rest of the route is mainly flat, sometimes slightly hilly. The route is ideal for E-bikes.

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DETAILED ROUTES

📍 Day 1: Villach

You will arrive at your hotel in Villach. Parking spaces available close to the hotel.

📍 Day 2: Villach – Lake Ossiachersee – Gegendtal – Lake Millstätter See (approx. 70 km)

You start in Villach and head out through the small town towards Lake Ossiach, where you will soon see the ruins of Landskron Castle towering high above the countryside. Idyllically embedded in the surrounding mountains, inviting bathing resorts and the romantic Ossiach Abbey welcome you. The dark green colour of the water is something special. You circle Lake Ossiach and then head towards Lake Millstätter See. This route takes you through the so-called Gegendtal, past the two idyllic lakes Afritzer See and Brennsee and the small town of Radenthein to the eastern shore of Lake Millstätter See. Then it is a few more kilometres along the lake to today's stage destination.

📍 Day 3: Lake Millstätter See – Weissensee – Hermagor/Tröpolach/ Lake Presseggersee (approx. 60 km)

Today you start at Lake Millstätter See, then you will reach the Lake Weissensee. There are two different variants to reach the lake. If you choose the first variant, you will cycle along the Drau cycle path, shortly before Greifenburg you will turn in the direction of lake Weissensee and meander through small paths towards the western shore of the lake. The second variant leads to the eastern shore of the lake. From there you will have to take the boat to the western shore (ticket not included), as there is no road connection between the two shores. This variant passes by the small town of Spittal an der Drau and then via the Stockenboier Landesstrasse. Both variants are charming, you can choose on the spot what suits your daily routine best. As soon as you leave Weissensee a short ascent to the Kreuzbergpass and a rapid descent await you. You will cycle a few kilometres in the dreamy Gitschtal before reaching the stage destination.

📍 Day 4: Lake Presseggersee – Gailtal – Lake Faaker See/Mühlbach/Wörthersee (approx. 75 km)

Your cycle tour today takes you along the Gailtal cycle path. The wide valley is unspoilt and the cycle path runs right through the natural landscape along the river. At the beginning of your cycle tour you will pass the Pressegger See lake. Like all Carinthian lakes, it is a bathing lake with warm temperatures. Part of the tour then leads before Villach at the foot of the majestic Dobratsch mountain through a nature reserve that was created in the course of a historic rock fall. Here, too, you cycle directly along the Gail River, which is wide and shallow at this point and used as a bathing spot by many nature lovers. The cycle path continues towards Lake Faak. It is the emerald among the Carinthian lakes, not very big, but very warm and turquoise like the Caribbean. You cycle around the lake from south to east and then cycle a short distance along the Drau cycle path to your destination for today – Lake Wörthersee.

📍 Day 5: Wörthersee – Lake Klopein – Klagenfurt

You start your tour through the idyllic Keutschacher Seental, which lies parallel to lake Wörthersee and is characterised by several charming little lakes that form a string of pearl along your route. Then turn south near Klagenfurt. Past the magnificent pilgrimage church of Maria Rain you descend over the Ferlach power station to the Drau cycle path. Follow it until you reach Tainach, where the tour continues via Stein im Jauntal to lake Klopeiner See. It is one of the smallest lakes but one of the warmest in Europe. The route then leads back along

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the Völkermarkt reservoir and then along a railway track directly to Klagenfurt, your stage destination. The old town is characterized by many buildings from the Renaissance and a southern flair. Small bars and shop contribute to the atmosphere. Culture lovers should have a visit at the Modern Art Museum, while history lovers should visit the Carinthian Museum. Who prefers to admire the city from above can enjoy the view from the city parish tower.

📍 Day 6: Klagenfurt - Längsee- St. Veit/Glan - Maltschacher See - Klagenfurt

(approx. 60-85 km)

Today you will start in the region of Central Carinthia, rich of castles and many historic places. On the way you can see the imposing Maria Saal Cathedral, Hochosterwitz castle with its 14 fortifications, the small picturesque Längsee lake, the imposing Taggenbrunn castle ruins. Then you will reach St. Veit/Glan, the old capital of Carinthia. You can still see the former importance of the town, the defensive wall is almost completely preserved, the main square surrounded by magnificent buildings invites you to linger. The tour then proceeds along the river Glan and turns south again. On your way you can admire the Lake Maltschach, then you will return to Lake Wörthersee and Klagenfurt .

📍 Day 7: Klagenfurt - Wörthersee - Villach

(approx. 45 km)

The first section of the tour takes you along the northern shore of Lake Wörthersee, through the well-known and popular resorts of Pörtschach and Velden. seaside resorts of Pörtschach and Velden. Along this Wörthersee cycle path, small bathing spots invite you to take a refreshing dip in Lake Wörthersee. in Lake Wörthersee. From Velden you cycle back along the Drau cycle path and past the Silbersee lake, back to Villach, the destination of this cycle tour.

📍 Day 8: Villach

Tour end and departure from Villach or possibility of extension.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 420-420 km
- **Starting point:** Villach
- **Arrival:**

By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).

By train: Good train connections to Villach. Timetable on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com.

By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. There are good train connections from all these cities to your starting point.

- **Accommodation:**

Inns or hotels 3*** and 4**** category.

Please note: Tourist tax – if applicable – has to be paid on site!

- **Parking:**

Depending on the hotel at arrival, unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the entire duration of the tour). Public parking garage – no reservation of the parking area/parking garage possible; payable on the spot.

- **Rental bikes:**

- 21-gears women's or men's bicycle
- E-bike (UNISEX bike, 500 W battery; range up to 100 km)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in inns or hotels 3*** and 4**** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Videobriefing
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Boat ticket according to the program
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Navigation APP
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival transfer to the starting point of the tour
- Departure transfer at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Boat ticket Weissensee
- Not mentioned entry fees
- Rental bikes and travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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STARTING DATES

Available - arrival possible Not Available Available for groups from 6 persons and on request

May

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July

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PRICES

Standard

Package price in a double room	Arrive on 04/05/2024 and 28/09/2024	789 €
Package price in a double room	from 11/05/2024 to 21/09/2024	889 €
Package price high season	from 22/06/2024 to 08/09/2024	919 €

Additional services

rental bike 21-gear (men)	99 €
own bike	0 €
rental bike 21-gear (women)	99 €
rental electric bike	249 €

Additional nights

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