

The Donausteig Trail II

Route II from Linz to Grein

8 days - 7 nights

- ✓ **WITH LUGGAGE TRANSFER**
- ✓ **450 KM OF SCENIC HIKING IN 24 STAGES AND 40 CIRCULAR ROUTES**
- ✓ **125 PANORAMIC RESTING SPOTS ALONG THE PATH**



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Since summer 2010, there has been a unique offer on the Bavarian-Upper Austrian Danube. In addition to the Danube cycle path, the Donausteig hiking trail from Passau via Linz to Grein, which is around 450 kilometres long and runs along both banks of the Danube for the most part, has been created for hikers, making their hearts beat faster.

The Upper Austrian capital is the starting point for your hike along the Donausteig. The route takes you along the Linz basin, through the Machland region and into the legendary Strudengau region. Defiant castles, dreamy palaces and legendary ruins tower like sentinels over the Nibelungen river.

Course of the hiking tour

1. Tag: Individual arrival in Linz

The modern provincial capital Linz, offers a variety of interesting recreational opportunities: The Ars Electronica Center or the Lentos art museum are just a few of the inviting possibilities for exploring this city. Overnight stay in Linz.

2. Day: Linz – St. Florian – Enns Linz – St. Florian – Enns ~23 km, 7 h, altitude difference $\hat{=}$ 431 m / $\hat{=}$ 445 m

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Take the tramway to Ebelsberg/Hartheimer Straße station, here you start your hiking tour. Walk through peaceful, idyllic fields via Moenchsgraben, Rohrbach to Sankt Florian. After passing the monastery you walk further through the rolling landscape until you reach Enns. Overnight stay in Enns.

3. Day: Enns – Mauthausen – Perg

~17 km, 5 h, altitude difference $\hat{=}$ 263 m / $\hat{=}$ 262 m

From Enns, the Donausteig Trail passes through Lorch in the direction of Enghagen. Following the road until you reach the bicycle ferry mooring point, where you have the opportunity for a rest. Take the ferry boat to Mauthausen. Then further along the northern bank to Perg. The last stage takes you through the Machland, a very appealing and fertile region. Overnight stay in Perg.

4. Day: Perg – Baumgartenberg – Grein

~17,5 km, 5-6 h, altitude difference $\hat{=}$ 473 m / $\hat{=}$ 408 m

Travel with the railway line "Donauuferbahn" from Perg to Baumgartenberg, where you start your hiking tour. You hike along the northern bank via Obergassolding, Klam, Saxen to Grein. The city of Grein is also

known as “pearl of the Strudengau” and fascinates with nostalgic charm and historical sights. Overnight stay in Grein.

5. Day: Grein – Stillensteinklamm gorge – Aumuehle

~9 km, 3 h, altitude difference á 224 m / â 41 m

Before you start hiking to the Aumuehle, we recommend to hike the Donaublick-Runde round course (approx. 5,8 km). This tour gives an overview of the wildly romantic Strudengau. The Donausteig Trail leads downstream, after some time you reach the “Gießenbach” mill. The mill marks the entrance to the “Stillensteinklamm” gorge. Take some time here to enjoy regional delicacies. Follow the creek to the vantage point “Stiller Stein” where you leave the Danube Hiking Trail. Continue following the creek on a forest trail until you reach your accommodation. Overnight stay at Aumuehle.

6. Day: Aumuehle – Bad Kreuzen – Grein

~16 km, 5 h, altitude difference á 379 m / â 561 m

Through forest, field and meadow you hike to Bad Kreuzen. Bad Kreuzen contains a popular health spa and can be considered a true paradise for hiking. You pass the “Wolfsschlucht”, “Speckalm” and the villages Lehen and Muehlberg on your back to Grein. Overnight stay in Grein.

7. Day: Grein - Linz

Train ride incl. luggage from Grein to Linz. Overnight stay in Linz.

8. Day: Individual departure or additional nights.

REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION:

The tours have height differences up to max. 1000 m, the daily walking distance varies from 10 to 30 km, is without difficulty and easily manageable within 4 to 8 hours. The starting points and resting places are equipped with detailed information boards, which narrate illustrated Danube legends.

Arrangement

- 7x overnight stay in ***Donausteig inns/hotels with breakfast buffet**
- 1x welcome video with explanations and information that you need for the tour**
- 1x tram from Linz to Ebelsberg**
- 1x ferry boat Mauthausen**
- 1x train from Perg to Baumgartenberg**
- 1x snack at a traditional tavern with "Brettljause" and ½ l drink to choice**
- 1x train ride from Grein to Linz**
- 1x Donausteig Trail hiking book + map material (1 x per room)**
- 5x Gepäcktransport - max. 2 Stk./Person und max. 25 kg/Koffer**
- + luggage transfer - max. 2 pcs./person and max. 25 kg/piece of luggage**
- + Daily service hotline from 8.00-18.00 o'clock (also on weekends)**

Rates per person and arrangement in €:

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***inns/hotels double room with breakfast	795,--
Supplement for 5x half board (no half board in Linz, min 2 course dinner)	145,--
Supplement for single room	265,--
Additional night double room with breakfast	81,--
Additional night supplement for single room	46,--
Day of arrival	daily

The local tax, also known as visitor's tax, is payable locally to the landlord; the amount depends on the resort and is between €1,00 and €4,00 per person per night. Children up to the age of 15 are usually exempt.

Accommodations:

For the major part the chosen inns and hotels are official Donausteig Trail-Accommodations.

This means:

- situated near the Donausteig Trail routes
- individual service for hikers
- mostly family-run businesses

Information for arrivals by car:

The parking place does not always situate next to the accommodation but on a public parking place.

(Possible costs have to be paid on spot)

Reductions for children sleeping in their parents' room (2 fully paying guests):

0 - 5 years: 100%

6 - 15 years: 30%

The standard terms and conditions of the Salzkammergut Touristik GmbH apply in the current version.

Rates and operating hours / timetables are subject to change

Our recommendations:

Get a travel cancellation insurance.

Informations



For environmental reasons, we recommend arriving and departing by public transport (train/bus). We are happy to help you organise your train journey within Austria. Talk to us!



The **UNESCO World Heritage List** currently lists 1,154 natural and cultural sites from 167 countries worldwide. The excellent cultural and natural monuments have an extraordinary universal value that must be preserved in the long term. Austria is represented with 10 World Heritage Sites.