

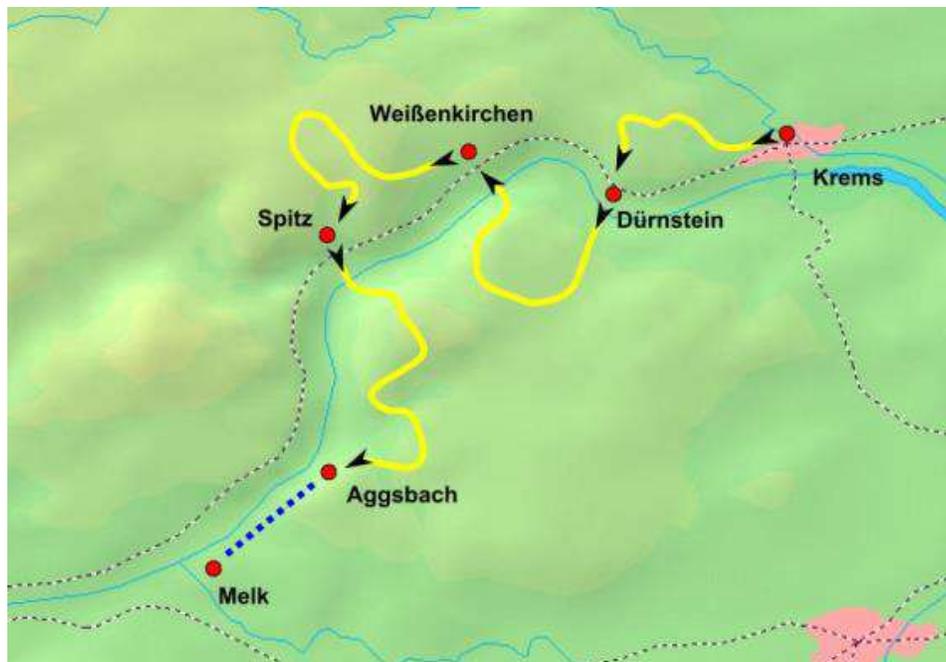
Wachau, a walk along the Danube
A 7- or 8-day self-guided walking tour

Code tour: AUS02W



An outstanding river walk along the Austrian stretch of the Danube river in the green region of Wachau... Imagine combining the clean and tidy Austrian countryside with a series of castles and abbeys and the constant presence of a river that is the protagonist of the history of Europe. The result is a region full of great charm that preserves a green and romantic landscape and that has maintained a good balance between man and nature. You will walk along the place where, at one time, Richard the lion-heart of England was held captive!

Here in Wachau, the Danube river is more beautiful than in other places. The climate is mild and the sweet hills create the ideal conditions for the cultivation of vineyards and orchards. Some of the best wines of Austria are produced in the Wachau area. The most famous one is the Riesling, but we find also Chardonnay, Traminer and Pinot Blanc. Moreover, do not miss the delicious apricots cultivated in this area. The walking paths are varied and include rocky trails, dirt roads and quiet asphalted roads. The rolling hills with fragrant vineyards are the scenery of this River walk. The surrounding countryside is dotted with small villages where everything is focused on food and wine. The Wachau valley is a guarantee for a relaxing holiday and unforgettable emotions.



Difficulty: 2,5, medium difficulty; you walk along paths in good conditions and walking trails. Daily walking time varies from 4 to 6 hours and includes short and steep climbs.

On some days, it is possible to have easier options. A walking experience is needed. Appropriate mountain equipment is also necessary (hiking shoes or hiking boots etc.).

Period: Arrival on Friday from 09/04/2021 until 30/04/2021 and arrival on Saturday until Wednesday from 01/05 until 25/09/2021

Participants: minimum 1 person



Daily program

Day 1: Arrival in Krems/Stein

Individual arrival in Krems or Stein.

The tour documents will be handed over

Day 2: Krems - Dürnstein - vineyards and ruins of the castle of Dürnstein

Just outside of town, beautiful vineyards start to spread out and you walk uphill into the green hills along the Danube. Soon you will enjoy a beautiful view of the river, Krems and the impressive Benedictine monastery of Göttweig. You walk always in this amazing hilly countryside and pass the ruins of the 12th century Castle of Dürnstein, a UNESCO world heritage site, where, according to legend, King Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner returning of the third crusade and then was released by Blondel. You walk downhill towards the historic centre of Dürnstein, recognizable by the blue tower of the monastery, rebuilt in 1710 in baroque style.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Dürnstein

Distance: 12 km / 7.5 miles

Walking time: 4.5 hours
Ascent / Descent: +375 m - 375m

Day 3: Dürnstein - Rossatz - Weißenkirchen - View point on Mount Seekopf

In Dürnstein you will cross the river by ferry until Rossatz of which the old town centre twice was devastated by fire, in 1626 and 1886. You walk through the biggest apricot plantation of Austria, and then you walk on ancient walking paths until Seekopf. An absolutely amazing view of the Alp mountaintops will await you.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Weißenkirchen

Distance: 11 km / 6,8 miles

Walking time: 5 hours

Ascent / Descent: +535 m - 535m

Day 4: Rest day in Weißenkirchen

Weißenkirchen is a small winemaking village with 1500 inhabitants Today you will be surrounded by sunny vineyards, situated between the Danube river and green forests. In Weißenkirchen there is the beautiful Gothic church to visit. You could explore the surrounding on foot or rent a [bike near the station](#) or make a [boat tour](#) on the river Donau and enjoy the view of the romantic villages and castles from the river.

Day 5: Weißenkirchen - Spitz - Vineyards and viewpoint on Mount Buschandl

A beautiful uphill walk will lead you to Seiber and then Kuhberg, up to Buschandl wall. Then you start to descend and follow the ditch Miesingbachgraben. Amongst beautiful vineyards you continue your walk until the market town of Spitz with its castle dating back to the 12th century and late gothic church . An alternative itinerary is offered, a terraced trail through the vineyards up to Spitz.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Spitz

Distance: 12 km / 7,5 miles

Walking time: 5 hours

Ascent / Descent: +535 m - 535

Day 6: Spitz - castle ruins of Aggsbach - bus to Melk

You will cross the Danube by ferry and follow the Buchtal valley in uphill direction. Just before arriving at Maria Langegg, you take the Austrian trail of Saint Jacob, that you will follow up to the ruins of the fortress of Aggsbach. You will visit the fortress which has a rather macabre story about the time of the Robber Baron Scheck von Wald, enjoy wonderful views and make a relaxing break. You reach Melk with its famous Benedictine abbey

Overnight stay with breakfast in Melk

Distance: 15,5 km / 9,6 miles

Walking time: 5, 5 hours

Ascent / Descent: +690 m - 690m

Day 7: Melk - Krems - one of the most beautiful boat trips along the Danube

Today you will visit the baroque monastery with its beautiful gardens in Melk. The abbey was founded in 1089, but the current abbey is from the Baroque period of the beginning of the 18th century. After your visit you will make a wonderful boat tour along the Danube until Krems, passing again the most interesting places of your journey Spitz, Dürnstein e Krems, but now seen from the riverside.

Day 8 : End of tour after breakfast.

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye to the Donau and Unesco world site the Wachau area.

Prices per person 2021

8 days	
In double room	€ 745
In single room	€ 930
7 days (no rest day)	
In double room	€ 695
In single room	€ 865
Surcharge solo traveller	€ 85
Extra night in Krems per person per day in double room	€ 65
Extra night in Krems per person per day in single room	€ 85

Included in the tour:

- 6 or 7 nights in 3 and 4 star hotels
- 6 or 7 x breakfast
- Luggage transportation
- Boat tour Melk – Krems
- 1 Road book per room

Not included in the tour:

- Extra: Ferry to cross the Danube (ca. Euro 7,-)
- Bus from Aggsbach to Melk
- Local tourist tax (to be paid in hotel)
- everything not mentioned under ‘Included in the tour’

How to reach Krems:

Start/End: Krems/Krems

By plain:

[Airport of Vienna](#)

From the airport: Take the bus or S-Bahn to Franz Josefsbahnhof or to the subway and railway stations “Spittelau” or “Heiligenstadt”, where the trains also have a stop.

The train connection to reach Krems is the so-called "Franz Josefs Bahn".

By Train:

From Salzburg to St. Pölten where you have to change to the regional train to Krems (2,5 to 3,5 h)

From Vienna - You have to go to the railway station "Franz-Josefs-Bahnhof" where there are direct train to Krems (1 hour). Or you start from the Wien Hauptbahnhof (main train station) to St. Pölten and change for Krems (1,20 h)

In Krems you can use the city buses to get to the hotel.

By Car:

Motorway A1 from Salzburg to Vienna, where you change in St. Pölten to the motorway to Krems

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