

GBI Europe – From Bratislava to Munich



The upcoming European tour of the Global Biking Initiative starts in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava and takes us across Austria. We will visit Vienna, explore the Danube area as well as many other interesting and challenging parts of the Alpine Republic. We continue cycling through southern Germany and finally end up in the metropolitan area of the Bavarian capital of Munich.

On this tour we offer a wide range of services in order to offer the participants a very special experience. Even unexperienced cyclists will be able to cycle the routes in a team. And if a stage cannot be completed, our pick-up team is ready to take you to your destination for the day in a relaxed manner.

The Global Biking Initiative (GBI) wants to show you the most interesting places in Europe the sportive way. We are proud of our international participants that make it easy for everybody to make new friends from other countries. Our main goal is the continuous support of charity projects worldwide. We achieve this by engaging the participants to raise funds that support charity projects in their home countries.

Tour highlights

- ✓ Explore the Slovakian capital of Bratislava
- ✓ Visit the charming Austrian capital of Vienna
- ✓ Discover Austrian hospitality
- ✓ Pedal through various gorgeous regions
- ✓ Enjoy alpine cuisine
- ✓ Make new friends with many like-minded GBians

At a glance

Date: 11. – 17. June 2023

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights (7 cycling days)

Event type: guided charity cycling holiday

Participants: 300-400 cyclists

Distance: approx. 620 km (track 1) / approx. 880 km (track 2)

Several optional accommodation packages, bus transport, bike transport, pre-nights, professional rental bike service, etc. available

Minimum donation: depending on your home country

Online registration (1. Jan. - 31. March 2023) on

www.gbi-europe.org

Included Services

- ✓ Quick and easy online registration
- ✓ Luggage transport each day
- ✓ Service busses along the route for pick-up service
- ✓ Several fast, intermediate & leisure speed groups to suit all abilities & preferences
- ✓ 2 different stage distances each day available
- ✓ Experienced team leaders with GPS devices
- ✓ All kinds of bicycles are welcome (roadbike, MTB, touringbike, pedelecs, etc.)
- ✓ GPX tracks of all days for download
- ✓ Official tour jersey & GBI bike bottle
- ✓ Online media service
- ✓ Route information and daily news
- ✓ Nutrition points on each stage (with energy drinks, bars and fruits)
- ✓ Refreshments at the GBI Camp
- ✓ Technical bike support on all stages
- ✓ Medical support with mobile paramedics
- ✓ Secured bike park
- ✓ Opening ceremony
- ✓ Closing event with music, refreshments & donation cheque handover
- ✓ A lot of fun, unforgettable moments, great international and cross-cultural companionship, challenging moments and radiant eyes

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Tour description

Day 1: Bratislava (SK) – Stockerau (AT)

After cycling through Bratislava we meet the Danube river and follow it for almost the entire day on the great Danube cycle path. After 70 km we reach the Austrian capital of Vienna and do some sightseeing detour here before we head to our destination.

Day 2: Stockerau (AT) – Herzogenburg (AT)

We explore the Weinviertel before we again reach the Danube river for a while. Later we turn into the Traisen Valley, where our today's camp is located.

Day 3: Herzogenburg (AT) – Steyr (AT)

Today we experience for the first time some hills on the route and a quite long stage. And we again follow the lovely Danube river before we turn into the hilly backcountry at Ybbs. We sleep this night in the city of Steyr.



Route characteristics & topography

We mainly cycle on cycle paths and minor streets. If unavoidable, we may also cycle partially on sections of the route along main roads with heavy traffic

The route is hilly, but also with flat areas along the rivers. There are no real mountains to be conquered this time. Track 2 has longer distances and more challenging climbs.

We cycle for charity

Every participant commits to raise a donation for a charity project in his home country. The minimum donation depends on your country and varies between 150 – 250 €. For more details please contact your local country champion (www.gbi-event.org -> About us).

Day 4: Steyr (AT) – St. Georgen im Attergau (AT)

The last complete day in Austria is the most hilly one and we are facing lots of ups and downs. Our rewards are nice mountain panoramas, lovely villages and at the end of the stage we meet the Attersee, where we could refresh ourselves with a plunge into the water.

Day 5: St. Georgen im Attergau (AT) – Inzell (D)

Today we cross the Austrian Salzkammergut with many large lakes. The city of Salzburg is welcoming us halfway of today's stage. This is the perfect place for a longer lunch & photo stop. Behind the city we cross the German border and cycle now in Bavaria. We meet Bad Reichenhall before we reach our destination in Inzell.

Day 6: Inzell (D) – Bad Aibling (D)

Along the northern flank of the Bavarian Alps we cycle on a hilly terrain to the west. The Chiemsee, also known as Bavarian Ocean, lies not far from our route and after a while we reach the GBI camp in Bad Aibling.

Day 7: Bad Aibling (D) – Unterföhring/Munich (D)

The last tour day is short and quite flat. Soon after the start we reach the metropolitan area of Munich from the southeast. Traditionally all participants meet not too far from the tour finish and the famous group cycling, accompanied with music and marshalled by police, takes place.

Travel information

Plane: International airport Bratislava (close to the tour start) or Vienna (well connected by train to Bratislava). International airport Munich for flying back home.

Train & bus: good connections to Vienna/Bratislava and from Munich to Germany and other European countries.

GBI bus: optional bus service from Düsseldorf via Frankfurt airport and Munich airport to Bratislava the day prior to tour start, return bus from the tour finish to Düsseldorf as well as to Munich airport directly after the tour closure