

Danube Cycleway volume 1 update Dec20

Getting there and back

There have been some changes to the prices and route options for getting to the start of the route in Triberg.

p27 The most convenient route is to take the Eurostar to Paris Nord, cycle the short distance to Paris Est then catch a TGV Est high-speed train to Strasbourg. Change there for a local train across the Rhine to Offenburg, from where DB regional trains on the Schwarzwaldbahn line run hourly to Triberg. Eurostar tickets can be booked up to six months in advance at www.eurostar.com. A separate reservation needs to be obtained for your cycle which cannot be done on-line and must be made by 'phone (0344 822 5822) or by e-mail to EuroDespatch@eurostar.com. There are six cycle spaces per train, two for fully assembled bikes and four for dismantled bikes packed in a special fibre-glass case provided by Eurostar. Prices vary from £30–£55 depending on how far ahead you book. and whether the bike is fully assembled or dismantled. Bikes need to be delivered to EuroDespatch at the back of St Pancras station beside the coach drop-off area, one hour before train departure time (90minutes for a dis-assembled bike as you will need time to pack it; Eurostar will provide the tools). On arrival at Paris Gare du Nord, cycles can be collected from Geoparts baggage office which can be reached by a path L of platform 3. SNCF (French railways) operate frequent TGV high-speed trains from Paris Gare de l'Est to Strasbourg, although only a few carry cycles. There is a cycle carrying service around lunch-time which will enable you to reach Triberg in a day provided you leave London early in the morning. Details can be found and bookings made at the SNCF (French Railways) website, www.oui.sncf. Cycle reservations, which cost €10, must be made at the same time as purchasing passenger tickets. You travel with your bike in a dedicated compartment at one end of the train. The SNCF booking system cannot handle cycle reservations which require more than one train, so passenger tickets for the local service from Strasbourg–Offenburg (on which bikes travel free without reservations) must be booked separately. German railway (DB) tickets can be booked at www.bahn.com. Neither France nor Germany require bicycle reservations for local and regional trains.

Stage 10

p116 *The route has been amended through Staubing*

Just before beginning of **Staubing** pass farm L and fork L by second farm entrance onto narrow road parallel with main road. Where this ends, bear L (Eininger Strasse) and follow this into village. Bear L at triangular junction then fork R (Ortsring) beside church R. At next junction, keep L ahead (Am Krautgarten), re-joining original route out of village.

Stage 22

p189 *A new asphalt cycle track following the river has been opened between Muckendorf marina and Höflein which by-passes Greifenstein village.*

At Muckendorf marina, keep L past marina L (original route forked R) and follow Danube to reach **Greifenstein** locks and dam. Turn R very sharply away from locks through trees to reach Danau Altarm lagoon and turn L beside lagoon. Fork R over rocky causeway across mouth of lagoon and bear L to re-join old route before **Höflein**.

Stage 24

p209 *The section between Čunovo dam and Rajka, which crosses the unmarked Slovak/Hungarian border, has been rerouted to by-pass Čunovo village.*

At point where cycle track reaches road leading to **Čunovo dam**, turn L across flood relief channel then R on road along flood dyke on other side. Cross Slovak/Hungarian border then after 1km turn R back across flood relief channel. Turn L beside channel with woods R and after another 1km turn R on road into woods. Continue ahead through fields and go ahead into **Rajka**. Follow Szent István utca into beginning of village, soon joining cycle track L. At crossroads, dogleg L and R following cycle track between houses then turn L (Dózsa György utca) at next crossroads. At end, turn R (Táncsics Mihály utca) and go ahead to re-join original route.

Stage 25A/26A

The alternative route mentioned in the introduction to stage 24 (p208) between Čunovo and Komárno via the Slovak side of the Danube has been improved and now offers an acceptable alternative to the main route. The surface is now mostly surfaced and there are hotels in three locations plus two campsites. This route is 86km, compared with 105.5km for the main route via Győr.

To access this route, turn L across flood relief channel at point (p209) before **Čunovo** where cycle track reaches road leading to **Čunovo dam** (accommodation, refreshments, camping), then continue ahead across dam and locks and turn R on cycle track along flood dyke beside Danube. Follow this for 30km then turn L across river over **Gabčíkovo dam** (33km, 123m) (accommodation, refreshments, plus cycle shop in Gabčíkovo village 3km off-route) Once over dam, turn R to reach riverbank and join cycle track along flood dyke. Pass **Ňárad** (40km, 112m) (accommodation, refreshments) then at **Sap** (refreshments) follow flood dyke bearing away from river and winding through riparian forest. Continue past **Medved'ov** (47km, 111m) (refreshments), **Kližka Nemá** (61km, 111m) (refreshments, camping), **Malé Kosihy, Veľký Lél** (71km, 108m) (refreshments, camping), **Zlatná na Ostrove** (accommodation, refreshments), **Nová Stráž** (79km, 108m) (refreshments, station) to reach **Komárno** (85km, 111m) (accommodation, refreshments, cycle shop, station). Turn L on bridge over Danube through Slovak/Hungarian border and go ahead (Igmándi út) to reach roundabout in centre of **Komárom** (86km, 113m) at the start of stage 27.

Stage 26

p219 Between Győr and Ács a new almost continuous cycle track has been opened running via Gönyű. This is 7km shorter than the original route via Bábolna.

From large roundabout at end of Árpád út in **Győr**, take second exit (Budai út). This becomes Pesti út and a cycle track appears beside road which switches occasionally from L to R and back. After the suburb of **Likócs** (4.5km, 113m) (accommodation, refreshments), the route emerges beside main road 1 and follows this past **Kertváros** and through **Gönyű** (17km, 115m) (accommodation, refreshments). At end of village, fork R (sp Nagyszentjános) to reach **Nagyszentjános** (21.5km, 120m) (station). Pass through village and go over railway crossing then turn L on gravel track beside railway [this track is rough in places]. Follow this through fields parallel with railway L to emerge on road and reach Ács station. Turn R (Gyár utca) away from railway and continue to T-junction. Turn L (Komáromi utca) to re-join original route through **Ács** (33km, 117m) (refreshments, camping, station).

Stage 29

P240/2 A new dedicated cycle track has been constructed south of Szentendre to replace a rough muddy track and remove the need for an alternative route beside the main road.

A new bridge has been built across mouth of creek described on p240. Turn L over this bridge and L again onto new cycle track winding through riparian woodland. Continue beside Lupa-tó lagoon then

turn L away from lagoon and cross flood dyke to re-join original route on brick-block track winding through trees to riverbank.

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