

## Danube Cycleway volume 2 update Dec20

### Introduction; getting to the start

*p29 The route from Budapest airport terminal 2 to Ferihegy station has been improved.*

The road and car park layout at Budapest airport T2 has been altered. Exit from from lower (arrivals level) and turn R. Continue past end of airport buildings and follow path (sp parking) S between road L and airport perimeter R. Pass extensive car parking area R then dogleg L and R over car park entrance road. Pass aircraft museum L and continue on cycle track parallel with road L. Follow cycle track crossing road and bearing R. After 250m re-join original route turning L on road with no through road sign. **Note: from this point a new cycle track has been built which continues ahead through airport security gates then turns L at next junction to reach twin roundabout motorway junction. Follow cycle track past first roundabout then under motorway and clockwise around second roundabout. Cycle up ramp past McDonald's L and re-join original route beside motorway to reach Ferihegy station. As this runs, albeit very briefly, through a secure area it can only be used currently by authorised personnel. It is anticipated that the security fence will be moved a few metres across the road to enable open access to all.**

### Stage 1

*p53 Between Szigethalom and Ráckeve bridge a new route has been waymarked on the east (left) bank of the Danube which replaces the original route via Csepel island.*

Where route reaches Mű út before Szigethalom, turn L and cross bridge over Danube. Immediately after bridge turn R and descend to riverbank. Turn R at T-junction and follow riverside road (Nyárfás sor) through long strung-out riverside development then continue on track with fields L and riparian woodland R. At crossroads, turn R on track, then turn L (Széchenyi Sétány) through **Majosháza** (34km, 99m).

Continue past more riverside development and pass Cseke-sziget island R (**camping**). Where riverside houses end, turn R and L and continue beside Danube. Turn L at T-junction in next housing development and after 100m turn R (Sellő utca) and follow road winding through **Dunaparti Üdülő** (41km, 99m) (**refreshments**). Bear R beside bus turning circle and continue to T-junction. Turn R (Strandi út) and immediately L (Pihenő Sétány) parallel with river. Bear R at road junction and follow Peregi Duna sor through Peregi. At end at turn L past Lorevi Serbian retirement home R and R onto main road (Lacházi út) reach road junction beside **Ráckeve** bridge (46.5km, 96m) where stage ends. To visit Ráckeve (**accommodation, refreshments, camping, tourist office, cycle shop, station**) turn R across Danube.

### Stage 2

*p59 After Dömsöd, the route turns briefly away from the Danube.*

At end of Dömsöd, follow road bearing L away from river across side stream then immediately R (Nagtanyai utca). Where this ends, turn R and L to re-gain original route along riverbank.

### Stage 3

*p65 The route has been redirected to follow the Danube riverbank avoiding Harta.*

After joining cycle track R of route 51 main road S of Solt, turn R opposite 91km marker onto quiet side road. Bear L beside gated entrance to Teleki castle, then after 650m, turn R on track through fields towards Danube. Follow this curving R then L to reach riverside track and turn L on parallel with river R. Continue past riparian forest to reach small quay R, then turn R and L beside entrance to

quay. Follow road bearing L away from river and turn R on cycle track beside sports ground R. Just before reaching forest (**refreshments**), turn L on track and follow this with fields L and riparian forest R. After 1.25km, turn sharply L at first following edge of forest, then turn R into forest to reach T-junction. Turn L to reach cycle track along flood dyke beside route 51 and turn R to re-join original route between Harta and Dunapataj.

#### **Stage 4**

*p71 The complicated route through Baja has been replaced by a new cycle track along the flood dyke.* After railway level crossing, fork R on cycle track along flood dyke and follow this winding between industrial units. Pass Szent János chapel L and soon emerge beside river Sugovica. Follow this to reach stage end at restaurant complex overlooking **Baja** marina.

#### **Stage 5**

*p75 The new cycle track along the flood dyke continues out of Baja.*

From restaurant complex overlooking **Baja** marina, follow riverside cycle track under Petőfi Sándor hid bridge. At crossing of tracks, bear R to continue beside river. Where this track ends, turn L away from river then sharply R (Szeremlei utca) to re-join original route.

#### **Stage 9**

*p101 At Begeč and Futog the cycle route now follows the flood dyke past both villages.*

Where original route turned L on road into **Begeč**, continue ahead along flood dyke, re-joining original route after the village. Where track crosses asphalt country lane, continue ahead along flood dyke passing S of **Futog** (original route turned L to reach main road through Futog). Re-join original route on edge of village.

#### **Stage 11**

*p119 To avoid cycling on busy main roads through Belgrade city centre, a waymarked alternative has been developed passing N of the centre. A link halfway enables you to visit the city centre.*

After passing **25Maj sports centre**, do not turn R, rather continue ahead on cycle track winding through parkland parallel with Danube L. Where this ends, turn R Dunavski kej [Дунавски кеј] past apartment buildings R. dogleg L and R then pass under railway and road bridges and continue ahead on Dubrovačka [Дубровачка]. Turn L Skenderbegova [Скендербегова] beside building 6. Go ahead over five small crossroads then bear L ahead Venizelosova [Венизелосова] over dual carriageway main road. **To reach Trg Republike square in Belgrade city centre turn R on dual carriageway Francuska [Француска] and follow this for 650m.** Continue into Poenkareova [Поенкареова], then where this divides, fork R and immediately turn R. At end, turn L on main road (Bulevar despota Stefana) [Булевар деспота Стефана] and pass under road bridge. Fork R (sp Vršac) and R again onto slip road curving up to re-join original route crossing Danube on **Pančevački most** [Панчевачки мост] bridge.

#### **Stage 12**

*p123 There has been a change to the route leaving Belgrade.*

After cycling through **Tasmajdan** park, turn R on Profesora Mihaila Jurića [Професора Михаила Ђурића]. Go ahead over crossroads and turn immediately L on main road] (Bulevar kralja Aleksandra again) [Булевар краља Александра]. At next major road junction, turn L on Ruzveltova [Рузвелтова] using cycle track L. Follow cycle track crossing to R and continue into Mije Kovačevića [Мије

Ковачевића]. Where cycle track ends, go ahead over roundabout (third exit, sp Vršac), passing Youth stadium [Омладински стадион] R. At traffic lights immediately before T-junction, turn L across road using crossing then R across next road crossing and L on Bulevar despota Stefana [Булевар деспота Стефана]. Just before road overbridge, bear R (sp Vršac) on slip road to re-join original route crossing Danube on **Pančevački most** [Панчевачки мост] bridge.

#### **Stage14**

*p138 Between Usije and Golubac a dedicated cycle track has been constructed along the riverbank.* In **Usije**, follow road bearing R then fork L onto dedicated cycle track. Follow this to reach riverbank and continue to reach beginning of **Golubac**.

#### **Stage 15**

*p143 The old road through **Boljetin canyon** which was closed due to flood damage, has re-opened.* After visiting **Lepinski Vir** bronze age site, continue on old road. Pass point where new road comes close to old road by entrance to tunnel 6, continuing on old road and descending into **Boljetin canyon**. Pass under road bridge high above and follow road over river Boljetin and then close to river through canyon [*this is where the washout occurred*]. At first road junction, keep ahead and climb out of canyon, round two hairpins, to reach main road. Turn R to re-join original route.

#### **Stage 17**

*p158 Shortly before Izvoarele, where road bears L and starts ascending, fork R on gravel track which becomes asphalt after 500m. Soon after asphalt starts, fork L though **Izvoarele** to reach crossroads and turn R to re-join original route.*

#### **Stage 31 new alternative route**

*After years of negotiations, a direct ferry has started operation across the Danube between Ukraine and Romania, linking Orlivka and Isaccea. This ferry combined with the excursion to Moldova and Ukraine (excursion 1, p229) provides an alternative route between Galați and Tulcea. Ferry details can be found at [www.porom.org](http://www.porom.org)*

Take the excursion from **Galați**, passing through Moldova to reach the square in centre of **Reni** [Рені] (Ukraine) (24km, 15m). Leave square from southern corner, heading SW on 28 Chervnya vulytsya [28 Червня вулиця]. Follow this out of town, crossing railway and passing industrial area R. Continue ahead on road M-15, passing Reni port R and emerge beside Danube. Follow M-15 beside river for 16.5km, to reach point where road turns away from river into Orlivka [Орлівка]. Keep R on minor road beside river, then cross small bridge over sidestream and bear R at triangular junction to reach **Orlivka ferry complex** [Орлівка поромний комплекс] (49.5km, 3m).

Cross Danube by ferry to Isaccea ferry terminal, then follow road away from river to beginning of Isaccea. Turn L (Strada 1 Decembrie 1918), re-joining direct route from Galați to reach stage end in front of mosque in **Isaccea** (52km, 11m).