

# Nibelungengau Hiking Trail

MYTHICAL HIKING ALONG THE RIVER OF TIME



Before the Danube runs through the Wachau, it passes the **Nibelungengau**. The name of the wide valley between Ybbs and Pöchlarn has its origins in the Nibelungenlegend, the famous medieval heroic epic. Times have passed, but **numerous treasures** remain hidden in the region north and south of the Danube, waiting to be discovered. **A message-in-a-bottle contains the treasure map** of the

secrets that lie hidden in the wonderful and varied nature of the region with the best views, historic attractions and culinary delights.

Several treasures can be discovered via specially designed **cycle tours** and the **110 km Nibelungengau hiking trail**. The eight stages are between 10 and 22 km long and are ideal for explorers, those seeking peace and quiet and families. The message-in-a-bottle symbols along the way reveal the secrets of each treasure, allowing you to delve deeper into the region with its stories and traditions.

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# Kremstal-Donau Hiking Trail

VARIED TOURS WITH VIEWS



The **100 km trail** connects the most beautiful destinations around the **wine towns of Krems and Langenlois**. North and south of the Danube, primordial nature, a wealth of culture and quaint tavern-lined alleyways wait to be discovered.

The region's natural and cultural delights are divided into **15 stages** ranging in length from 4 to 18 km. With a

change in elevation of around 2,100 metres, the hiking trail leads you over lush meadows and through dense forests, past fertile vineyards in **3 different wine-growing areas** to acres of **picture-perfect locations and destinations that are well worth your time**. With its different stages, as well as smaller hiking tours in each municipality and regional cycle tours, the **Krems Valley** is ideal for day trips and longer stays. Head online to choose the right tour for you!

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# Jauerling Loop

HIKING ON THE ROOF OF THE WACHAU



Marvel at the vast countryside from atop the **highest mountain on the Danube** at 960 m above sea level – this is the exhilarating experience awaiting all hikers on the Jauerling loop trail.

With a **total length of 90 km**, this trail will lead you around and up the Jauerling, with the Nature Park Centre and its Wachau Terrace awaiting you at the top, surrounded by the expansive forests and meadows of the **Jauerling-Wachau Nature Park**. Hiking round the Jauerling will take you on a journey through several different cultural landscapes, natural areas and historical eras.

The trail takes you above the Danube through **vineyards, broad meadows and villages**, and over **gentle hills** to the Jauerling. The trail starts and ends at the **Maria Laach pilgrimage site**. The trail is designed as a circular tour, split into seven stages.

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# Hiking with luggage transport

LIGHTENING THE LOAD

If you wish to literally “go the extra mile” as you explore and discover the different stages over several days, staying the night in a different location along the route every day, we recommend **booking a trip with luggage transport**. That way, your luggage is automatically brought from one accommodation to the next. Starting from just two nights, this is the way to explore the various stages of the many different hiking tours along the Danube in comfort – and why not combine this with a romantic Danube hiking package around the Wachau World Heritage Site.

## Booking options

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# Along diverse paths

TOUCH NATURE AND EXPERIENCE HISTORY

The **Wachau World Heritage Trail** is divided into **14 stages**. You can hike the full **180 kilometres (approx. 110 miles)** in either direction ... alternatively, of course, you can just tackle selected individual stages.

Combined with the Jauerling loop and three ferry connections, there are loads of different options, giving you the ability to design your very own extraordinary hiking holiday from early spring until late, golden autumn.

Hiking through the Wachau World Heritage Site will lead you between the **Danube, wine country, apricot fields and much, much more**: picturesque villages, vineyards and orchards, dry stone walls, a rich variety of dry grassland, mixed forests and viewing points line the 36 kilometre-long Wachau Danube Valley. Nestled in among all of this you will find the countless culinary delights the region has to offer – at countryside inns to wine taverns and wineries, and even award-winning restaurants.

In 2000, the unique cultural landscape was recognised as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The impressive Baroque monasteries at Melk and Göttweig, and the churches, castles, forts and ruins tell a rich history. Present-day Wachau is characterised by cultural events, enjoyable leisure activities and valuable natural areas protected by the Council of Europe.

**Nowhere offers better hiking along the Danube!** If you are looking for ways to extend your trip, then why not check out the extensive Nibelungengau and Kremstal-Donau hiking trails situated just next door Hiking with to the Wachau. See back page for details.



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# Wachau World Heritage Site

## THE 14 STAGES AT A GLANCE

Walk, gawk and enjoy! Get up close and personal and discover what it is that makes this region so unique and wonderful. Discover the extraordinarily well-preserved relics of a long historical evolution, plus art, culture and, last but not least, the quite unique wining and dining of the Wachau World Heritage Site.



### KREMS - DÜRNSTEIN

Starting in the medieval town centre of Krems, this popular stage leads you through a few of the most well-known Wachau vineyards and through a forest to the picturesque Dürnstein with its blue church tower. It has no significant elevation.

### DÜRNSTEIN - WEISSENKIRCHEN

Fantastic views and famous stone terrace vineyards form the backdrop to this stage, which runs from Krems Tor in Dürnstein, past the castle ruins, all the way to the market square in the idyllic wine village of Weissenkirchen.



### WEISSENKIRCHEN - SPITZ

This trail leads you high above the Danube from Weissenkirchen to Spitz via Rotes Tor, taking you through the heart of the Wachau vineyards with their typical stone terraces and renowned vineyard sites.

### SPITZ - MÜHLDORF

This rather more challenging stage is characterised by the steep wine terraces of the Wachau, the famous "Tausendeimerberg" (or The Mountain of A Thousand Buckets), bright oak and beech forests and majestic views.



### MÜHLDORF - MARIA LAACH

This truly panoramic stage is defined by the forested landscape of the Jauerling Nature Park, home to the highest point of the World Heritage Site and the highest vineyard site in Lower Austria.



### MARIA LAACH - AGGSBACH MARKT

Close to the famous "Venus of Willendorf", this stage is characterised by the descent from the Alpine plateau of the Jauerling and takes you past Christmas tree farms and down through broad meadows to the Danube.

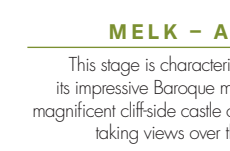
### AGGSBACH MARKT - EMMERSDORF

This stage is characterised by the Jauerling Alpine plateau and its villages straddling the edge of the Wachau, gently rolling mountains and breathtaking views, plus idyllic resting stops by the castle ruins at Gossam.



### EMMERSDORF - MELK

The imperial Luberegg Castle is worth a stop before crossing the river from north to south over the Melk Danube power station. There is plenty to see once you get to Melk, known for its magnificent Baroque monastery.



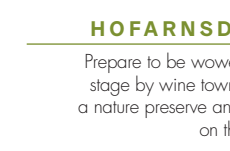
### MELK - AGGSBACH-DORF

This stage is characterised by the town of Melk with its impressive Baroque monastery, Schönbüchel with its magnificent cliff-side castle overlooking the water, breathtaking views over the Danube and the Jauerling.



### AGGSBACH-DORF - HOFARNSDORF

The highlights on this stage are the imposing castle ruins of Aggstein, high above the Danube, the Baroque Maria Langegg pilgrimage church, views of the "Hoher Stein" (or Tall Rock) and Dunkelsteiner Forest.



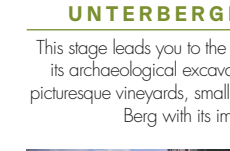
### HOFARNSDORF - ROSSATZ

Prepare to be wowed on this rather challenging stage by wine towns, vineyards, Roman roads, a nature preserve and views of the wine terraces on the other side of the Danube.



### ROSSATZ - UNTERBERGERN

The landscape on this stage is characterised by orchards full of the famous Wachau apricots, plus wine terraces and the Dunkelsteiner Forest. You can also look forward to a particularly stunning view towards Dürnstein.



### UNTERBERGERN - MAUTERN

This stage leads you to the Roman town of Mautern with its archaeological excavations and is characterised by picturesque vineyards, small wineries and the Göttweiger Berg with its imposing Göttweiger Monastery.



### MAUTERN - KREMS

This short stage, which leads you back to your starting point, is more like a historical city tour, with the Roman ruins in Mautern, Renaissance and Baroque buildings and the imposing old town areas in Stein and Krems.

## World Heritage Spots - Insights, history and stories

A special highlight of the Wachau World Heritage Trail are the 50 finely curated World Heritage Spots, which focus on the special features of the World Heritage Site. Each World Heritage spot is labelled with a QR code. With a simple scan, the fascinating stories about the cultural and historical treasures can be experienced directly on site.



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- Municipality
- Stage Number
- Road/Street
- World Heritage Trail
- Info point
- Summit
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