



EuroVelo 6

Discover the European rivers by bike

4700km length, **10** countries crossed, **11** UNESCO sites, **6** European rivers



In Austria:

Distance: approx. 380km

Climb: 345m altitude

Duration: approx. 12 days

Accessible by public transport:

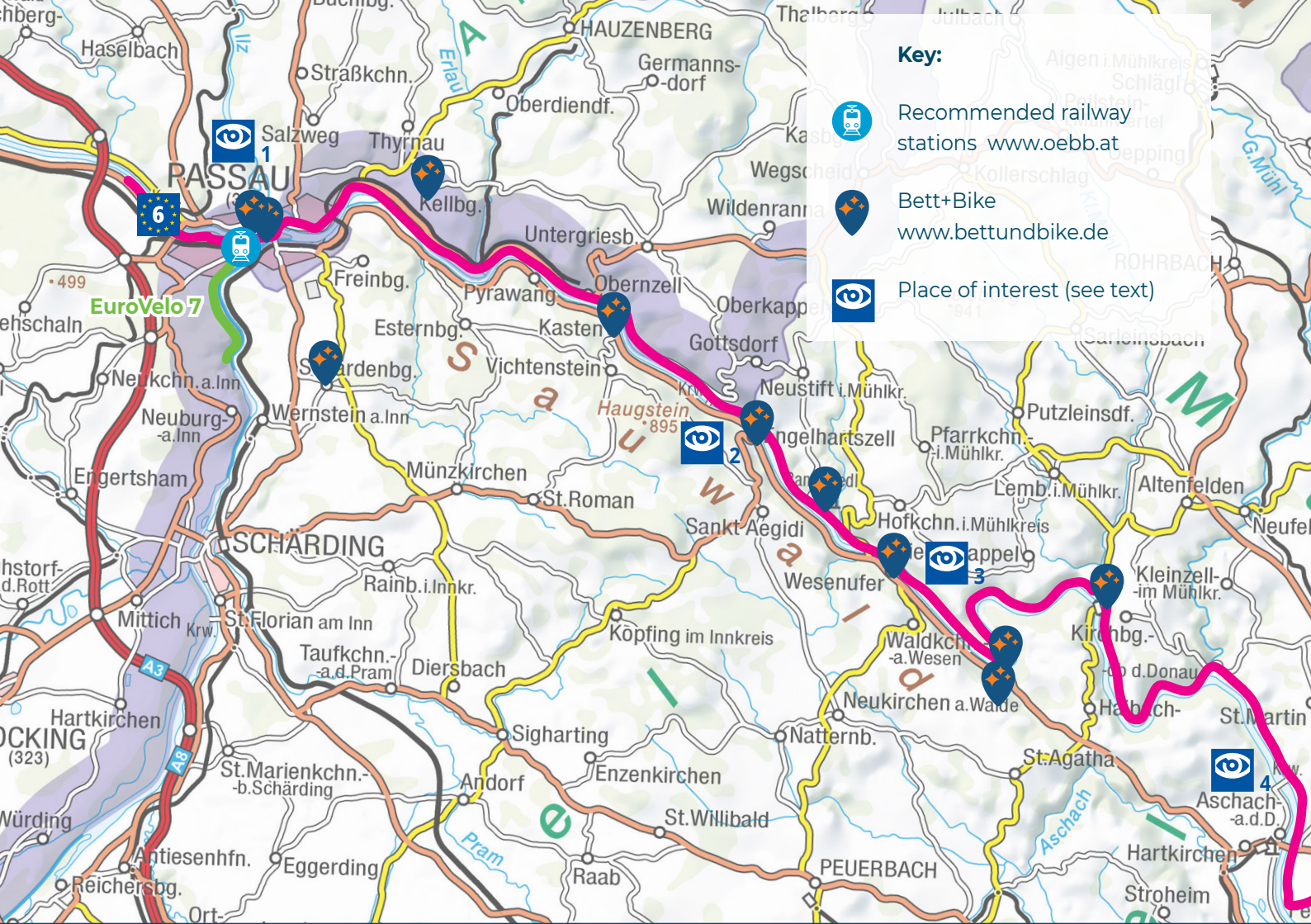
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Specials: culture, nature, Linz, Wachau, Vienna

Route: Danube cycle path

Dürnstein

www.eurovelo.at



Key:



Recommended railway stations www.oebb.at



Bett+Bike www.bettundbike.de



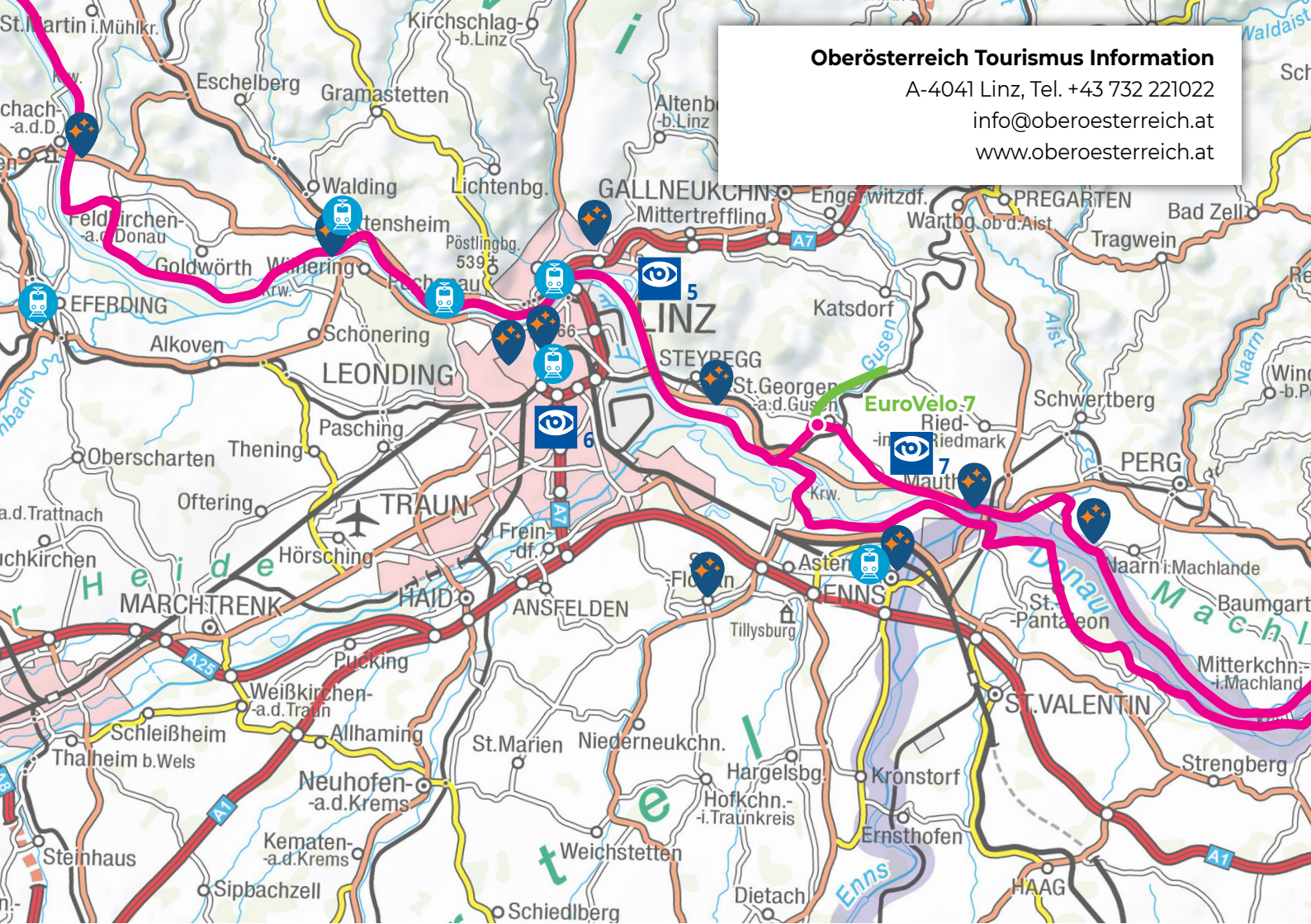
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The Danube Cycle Path is one of the most beautiful cycle paths in Europe. The Austrian section is approximately 380km long, running from Passau in Germany to the Slovakian border near Bratislava.

This section runs exclusively on cycle paths along the beautiful river, including areas such as the romantic **Schlögener Donauschlinge** (“Donau Schlögener Loop”).

Discover modern art and architecture by taking a stop in Linz (European Capital of Culture 2009). The World Heritage Site in the **Wachau** Valley is one of the most fascinating landscapes along the Danube Cycle Path with its castles, monasteries and Vineyards.



We would also recommend combining the cycle tour along the Danube Cycle Path with a visit to cultural sites such as Austria's largest Benedictine monastery „**Stift Melk**“ and the famous ruins in **Dürnstein**, where the English King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned.

After the historic town of **Krems**, the route continues to **Vienna**, Austria's enchanting capital, full of cultural highlights. From Vienna to the Slovakian border, you cross the **Donau-**

Auen National Park. There are also opportunities for beautiful bike and boat trips, allowing your adventure to combine travelling by bike as well as by train. Finally, the route leads across the Danube to Hainburg and on to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia.



HIGHLIGHTS



Confluence of the three rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz in Passau

The Danube, Inn and Ilz meet at the bishop's city of Passau. From the Veste Niederhaus castle, you have a marvellous view of the three rivers flowing together:



The green Inn, coming from the Alps, merges into the dark blue Danube, coming from the Black Forest. The Ilz begins at the moors of the Bavarian Forest with even darker water. All the rivers flow together for the remaining 2,225 kilometres towards the Black Sea.



Engelszell – Austria's only Trappist Monastery

Near the Danube power station is the Engelszell Monastery with

beautiful gardens – a particularly quiet and lovely place. The monastery also offers local products: firstly, the Trappist beers brewed along the lines of their Belgian sister breweries and, secondly, the monastery liqueurs – also available in flat flasks suitable for cyclists.





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Whether on a park bench or from a garden, the calm flow of the great river can be enjoyed perfectly from here. The Boat building and Fishery Museum reveals just how much the market is shaped by the Danube. Bicycles have also been shaping the Danube market for decades. At the beginning of cycling on the Danube, Father Daxberger gave the blessing



Weihnachtskrippe Aschach



Schlögener Schlinge

www.donau-radweg.info/schloeger-schlinge



Aschach an der Donau

Aschach is one of the few historic town centres and marketplaces located directly on the shore of the Danube.



Linz

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of God to cyclists. The Christmas crib in the parish church reminds us of him. It is one of few that shows a cyclist as a nativity figure.



Linz

www.linztourismus.at



The Stifter House in Linz

For a long time, Adalbert Stifter was regarded as a Bohemian-Austrian writer within his homeland. After his famous works “Der Hochwald” and “Nachsommer” were translated into many languages,

Stifter soon became regarded as an author of the world..

After fleeing from revolutionary Vienna, he moved into a house in Linz. Today transformed into Upper Austria’s Museum of Literature, the Stifterhaus on the Danube invites visitors to encounter the poet’s original

living quarters and to reflect on the past.

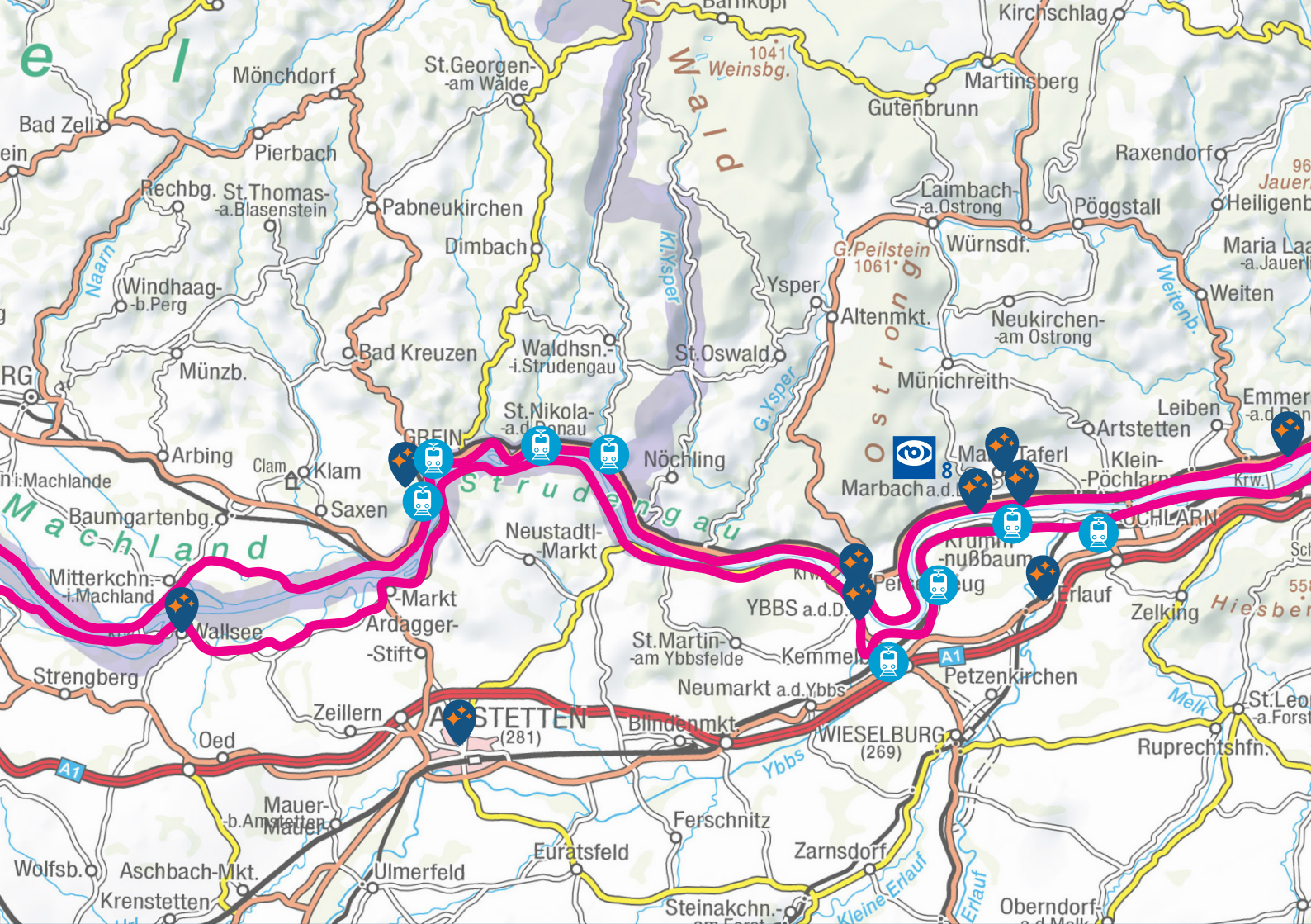


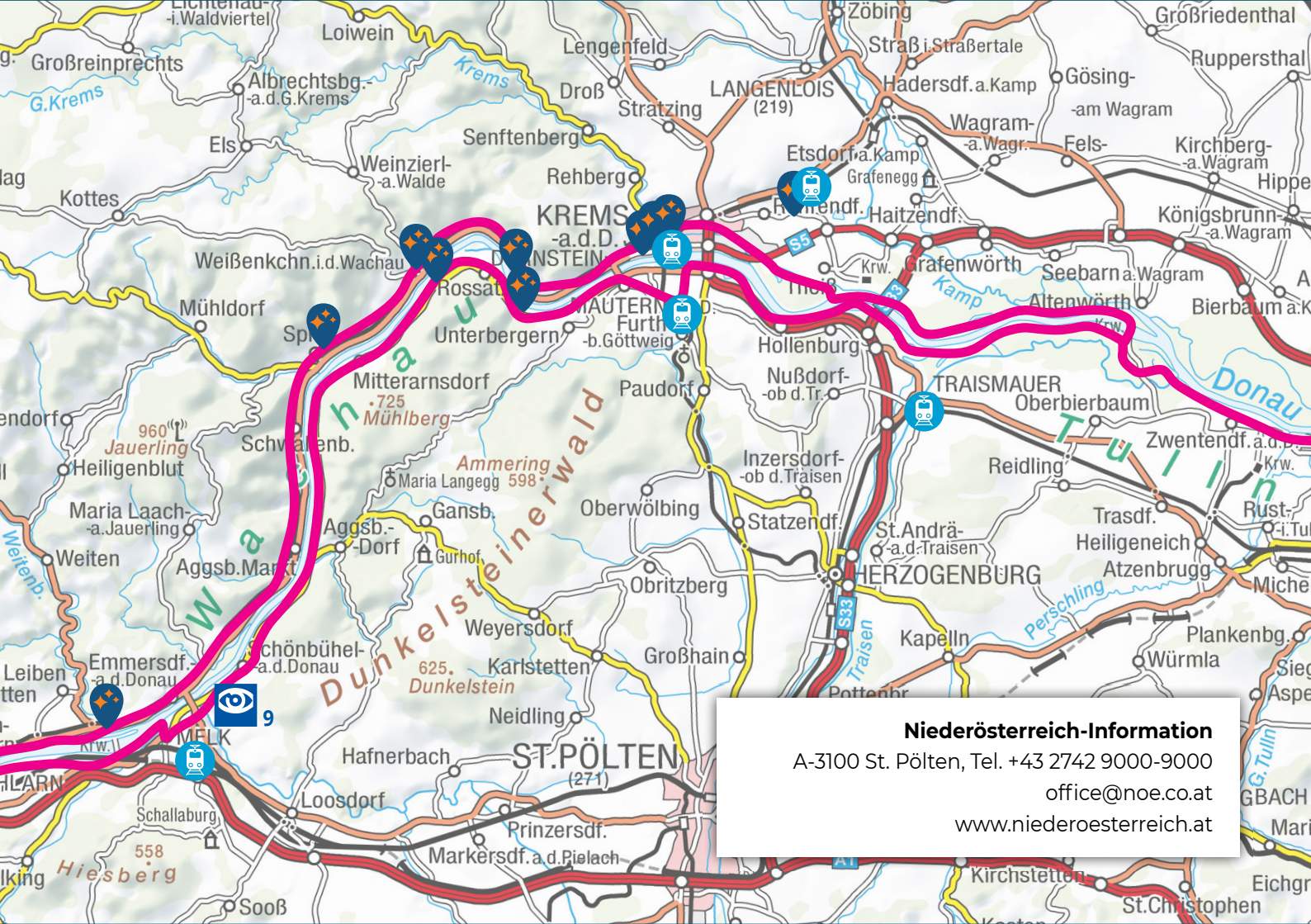
The Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial Site

About half of the 190,000 prisoners of the concentration camp Mauthausen did not survive the National Socialist killing regime. Two days after the desertion of the last of the SS, the Mauthausen and Gusen camps were liberated by the US Army on 5 May 1945. Stanislaw Kudlinski survived. He could no longer wait for the organised national return home to Poland. That is why an order of nuns in Linz gave him a bicycle to begin his journey home.



Mauthausen



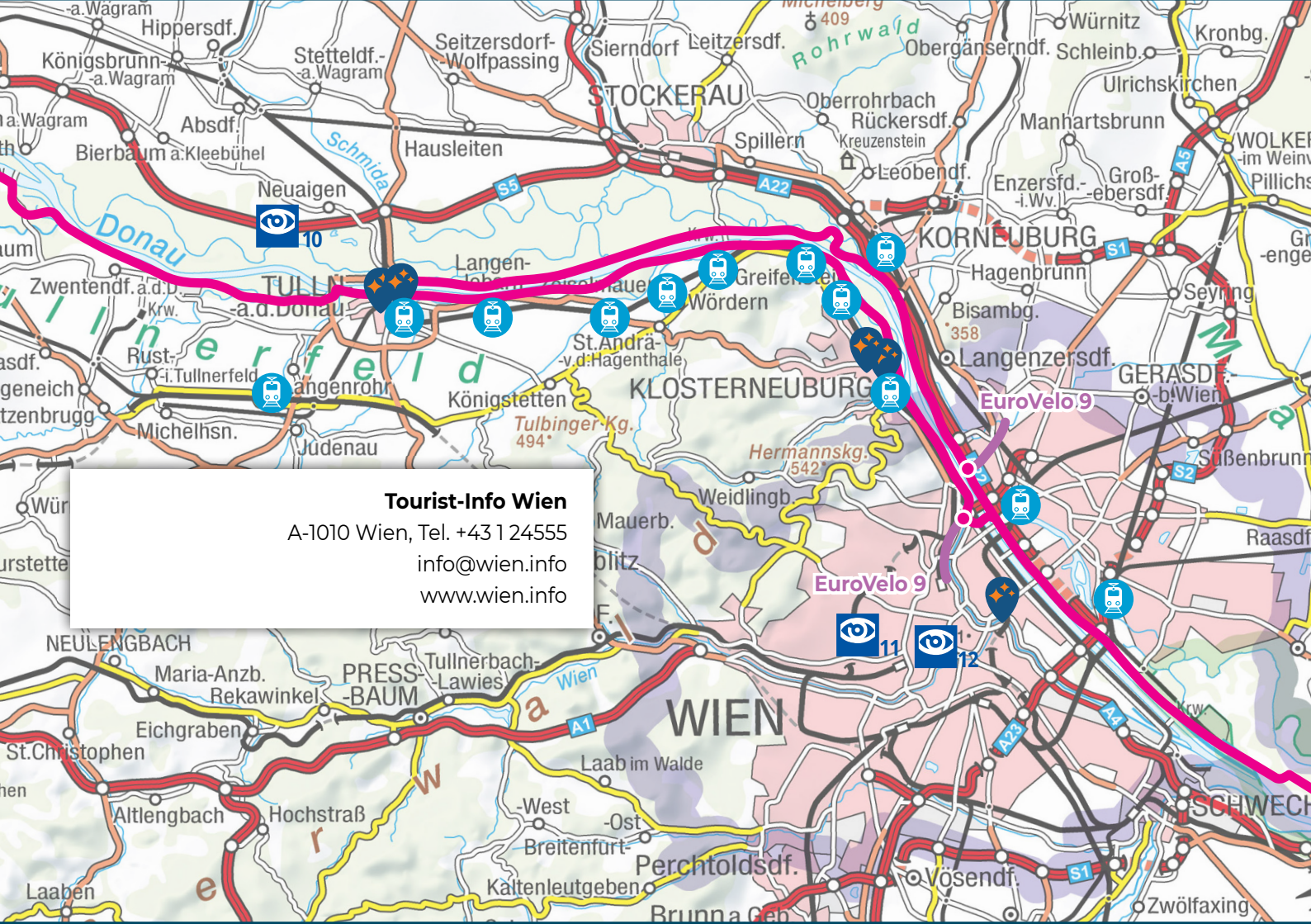


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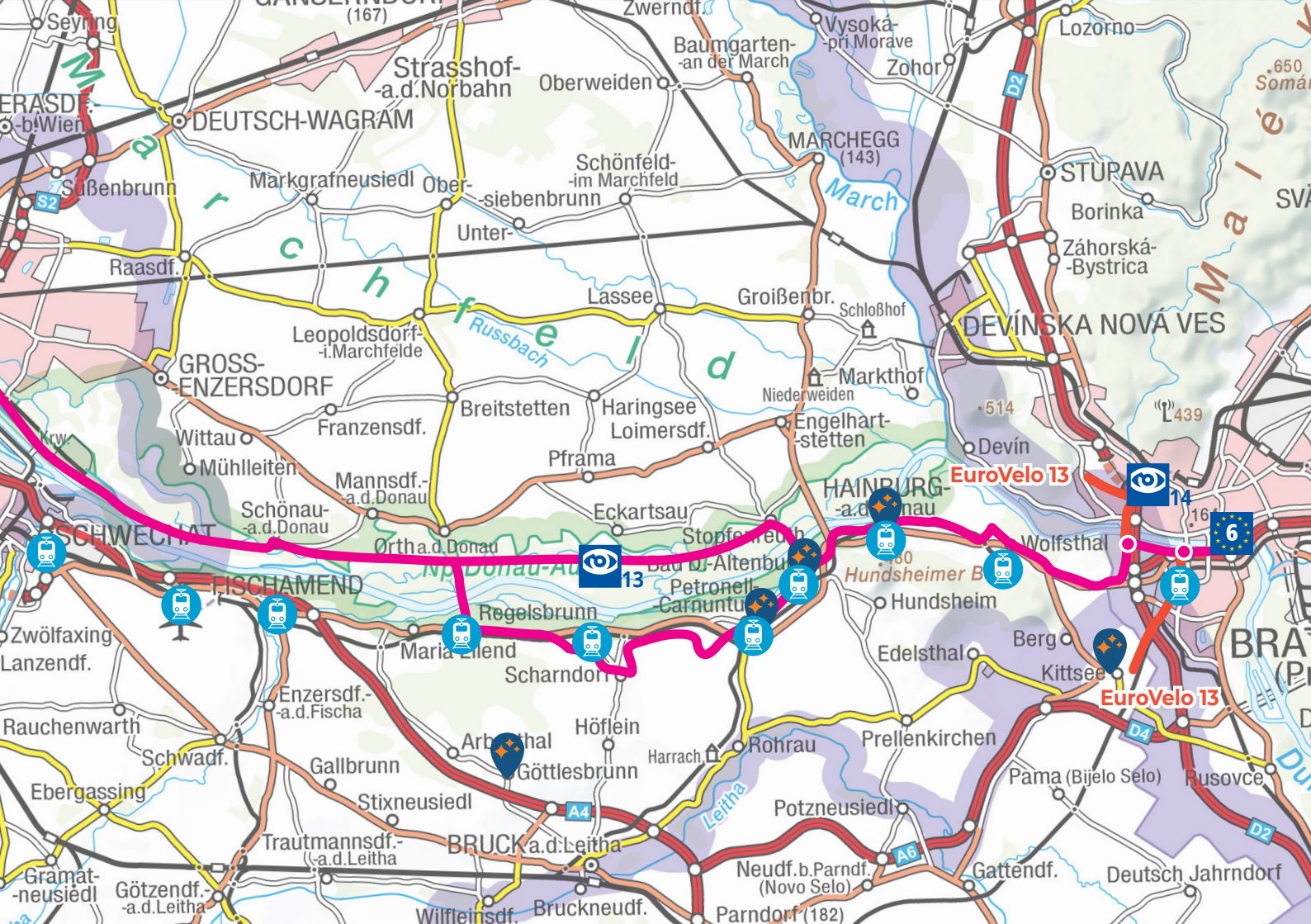


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Gasthof “Zur schönen Wienerin”, Marbach/Donau

One of the best locations on EuroVelo 6 for combining cycling and culinary delights is the Bed+Bike Gasthof “Zur schönen Wienerin”. After a climb to Maria Taferl, you will be rewarded with stunning views over the



Danube Valley, Mostviertel and Waldviertel.

On your return, Gerhard Engel and his team serve excellent fish dishes, as well as local wines and beers. The boss himself, as a passionate cyclist and bike lover, will spoil you with great cycling stories.



Melk abbey

The Baroque Abbey of Melk with its location on a rocky spur high above the Danube is one of the most magnificent sacred buildings on EuroVelo 6. It was built at the beginning of the 18th century, in accordance with plans made by Jakob Prandtauer, one of Austria’s most prominent baroque architects. The best insights into the monastery and its history are offered by

guided tours.

The best views of the Danube are from the connecting balcony between the Marble Hall and the library. The monastery park and Garden Pavilion are also worth a visit.





Insights and perspectives on Egon Schiele in his birthplace Tulln

Alongside Gustav Klimt and Oskar Kokoschka, Egon Schiele is one of the triumvirate of Viennese Modernism. All three were born in towns along the Danube; the son of a railway stationmaster at Tulln station, Adolf, Egon Schiele was born in 1890. Today, the rooms are furnished in the style of the



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Wilhelminian period, giving a hint of the lifestyle of the turn of the century. The Egon Schiele Museum on the Donaulände shows the painter's living and working spaces and a spate of original works. He was also inspired by the great river; works with views of the Danube include Stein and Klosterneuburg.



Vienna

www.wien.info



House of Music, Vienna

The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra performs its annual New Year's Concert at the Musikverein Hall in Vienna at the beginning of each year. At „Haus der Musik“, you are invited to conduct the „Danube Waltz“, baton in hand. If the waltz doesn't work out perfectly, you can also compose your own. The „House



of Music“ is also a place to get to know the “Waltz King”, Johann Strauss, as well as the most important representatives of Viennese Classicism such as Haydn, Mozart or van Beethoven, who brought together the most diverse European styles.

Donau-Auen National Park

The floodplain of Stopfenreuth is one of the most important sites of the Austrian ecological movement. It was successfully occupied by nature conservationists in 1984, and a planned Danube power plant was not built upon it. Therefore, the Donau-Auen National Park has thrived since 1996. Stopfen-



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reuth offers an opportunity to take a look at the fascinating floodplain landscape of the Danube. The wild bathing area with a natural beach and a night at the Lagerwiese in the floodplain provide a versatile sensory experience of the floodplain.


Bratislava www.visitbratislava.com



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