

TID PACKING LIST - ENGLISH

TID Packing List	While you can easily buy missing or defective equipment on the German and Austrian routes, it gets harder with increasing distance. Decent quality is therefore essential. More important, however, is to limit the volume (weight). In addition to health problems, the main reason for stopping the journey is too much and too heavy luggage! Basic food and food supplies are not a problem for you to acquire along the way.
Boat:	On the often long day trips, well-running touring boats with a steering are an advantage, as well as voluminous sea kayaks. Folding boats like to be driven because they cause less problems during transport. Almost everything that swims has already been seen on the Danube ... but remember: it applies long stowage, headwind and longer distances at campsites and portages to deal, so not too heavy and as little as possible on deck! And the boat has to endure too ...
Boat Inscription	The Danube is a shipping lane and therefore a marking of the boat is required.
boat trolley.	Tent sites are sometimes further from the water, sandy, muddy or stony "paths" require a sturdy, all-terrain wagon, which can also carry the weight of loaded boat. Wide, larger tyres are good. Of course bring replacement splints and the like for removable wheels! The boat is often fastened to the soft top, higher to the seat. Are mounting options available? However, do not inflate tyres to bulging, because the sun may burst them and then replacement is a real problem!
Fastening Straps	For transport on the boat trailer for rigid boats, on the round trip, absolutely necessary. It sometimes happens that you need them on the way (transport due to bad weather, blocking, illness, then also for folding boats!) Only lashing straps with identification label according to DIN may be used
Paddle	Touring paddles are often used in the dividable version. This way you can stow away on the road or at night to protect against theft and damage. We recommend a paddle leash which keeps your paddle safe to the boat during the tour.
Spare Paddle	Possibly one amongst paddling friends on the tour.
Spraydeck	Friends who do not like splash-backs, waves, cold weather ... absolutely! For hot days, a "half" spray cover would be practical, it protects the legs from the sun and keeps splashing water.
Cockpit Cover	Keeps the seat dry and protects the boat contents from rain, prying eyes and long fingers
Buoyancy	If the boat does not have watertight bulkheads and no air hoses (Aerius type) you have to make sure that it has enough capacity in the case of a capsizing. Water does not leak into the tank, and then only when it is securely fastened to the boat. Safer are "top pouches"
Sponge	
Rope	At least one boat length! As a treeline, for temporary attachment to the rest area, as a towline and as a clothesline
Seat Cushions	Seat cushions and back cushions according to personal preference
Boat Sail	Possibly a sailing sail and stabiliser. Reinforced sail, is gladly used with appropriate tailwind. "Professional" boat sails can only be used on a few days and it must be accommodated in addition to your other equipment.

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Risers	Those who have a heavy boat, or boats that do not have stable carrying handles, e.g. Folding boats, which can make life easier for themselves and helpers with the well-known risers
Repair Material	Adhesive tape, cable ties, adhesives, sewing etc. depending on the boat and tent material and condition
Flagpole	Useful if there are mounting options on the boat. One is most of the time on a border river and a flag is welcome
Life Jacket	Duty in the locks and in uncertain swimmers, very useful in wind and waves. The Danube is wide and rising wind can quickly lead to high waves. Therefore keep the life jacket in the vicinity of the seat hatch, so that you can get it if necessary. Inflatable vests are practical for that
Deck Bag?	Stowage space, especially for folding boats, in the vicinity of the seat hatch for utensils that you like secure and within reach (for example, sunscreen, penknife, sunglasses, river guides, etc.). Plastic boats often have a "hatch" for this purpose.
Panniers	A matter of course for folding boats, but also necessary for all baggage when returning on the bus or in emergencies when boats or paddlers have to be transported because of any difficulties.
Dry Bags	If the boat does not have a watertight bulkhead, it is absolutely necessary to stash essential equipment in dense pack sacks. Even otherwise, the sacks provide order and structure with the extensive equipment and they should also protect in sealed boats at least the sleeping bag and delicate clothes. A small leak or leaking hatch cover will cause less trouble.
Overnight	The daily assembly and disassembly is a considerable burden (not only) for the tents, so pay attention to quality!
Tent	The popular dome and tunnel tents unfortunately break the bars. Definitely bring replacement poles and maybe a replacement patch?
Tent Pegs and Hammer	The tent peg should not resent hard, stony or dry soil. A tent hammer and additional pegs are not a luxury.
Tent footprint / floor	English turf is not standard on the tour, a stable place under the tent is needed!
Sleeping mat	Depending on you sleeping habit - thin or thicker - possibly with cover
Pillow	Comfortable, or at least a rolled-up sweater?
Sleeping Bag	Unfortunately, at the beginning and at the end of the tour, it can sometimes be extremely cold at night, in Serbia and Bulgaria it can be extremely hot, in Romania already "autumnal".
Stool / Chair	Really recommended
Table	If there is enough room

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Light	Flashlight? Headlamp? spare batteries
Spade	A spade is sometimes necessary in case of bad weather for preparation of the tent or the so-called "dig a cat hole". It is sufficient if one person in the group has one. Who is the one?
Cooking	Note: there is a (usually free) food offer almost every night, except for rest locations. You can almost always find a suitable restaurant at such places. You wouldn't call it grand cooking as the kitchen design must remain manageable. For vegetarians, however, there is rarely a special offer! 25 Jan. 25
Cooker/Fuel/Lighter	The old-fashioned gas piercing cartridges are on the tour also "further down" usually easy to find. Screw cartridges are hardly available from Hungary! One solution: there are adapters that make screw cartridges from piercing cartridges. By the way, alcohol and gasoline are not always easy to get everywhere!
Pot and Plate	For daily meals often you must bring your own dishes. This should probably not be too small, with handles, so that you do not burn your fingers and do not spill half of them. And in addition a plate for salad, bread, or ...
Basic Equipment	Cup, mug, cutlery & kitchen utensils, small boards, thermos, etc. according to personal preferences
Plasticware	Universally usable for food storage, as a salad bowl, as a soup plate.
Washing up	Sponge, dish soap, rags, dishcloth etc. As a dishwashing bowl can also serve the wash bowl ...
Sugar/Spices/Condensed Milk	This will be very different, depending on your needs, for the morning coffee or for a tomato salad during the lunch break, or to improve the fish soup ...
Shopping bag	or small backpack for occasional shopping - instead of the many plastic bags that are lying around in the area
Tea or Coffee	You can buy along the way if you do not have special preferences
Emergency Rations	There are times, e.g. because of extreme weather conditions, the TID tent is not enough, so it is good to be able to help with soup, stew, etc. with an emergency ration. But so often that does not happen and if so, then you can buy again.
Water Bottle	Adequate drinking is absolutely necessary! The tap water on the tank is normally <u>potable</u> . On the way there's almost everywhere water in plastic bottles for those who want to be careful.
Papers/ Money etc	
Travel Insurance?	Absolutely!

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ID Card	For Germans the ID card meanwhile passes for all Danube states and this makes less effort than passports, which must be stamped at the entry and exit in some countries. But take the ID card / passport, which was stated when you registered for the tour!
Copy of ID Card	Or saved on the phone. In case of loss of the original (maybe) useful. Include the phone number of your resident office. Then you can send it to the next German Embassy and send it to your nearest German embassy, so that it's faster to get a replacement.
Binoculars	The Danube gets wide! Some have difficulty reading the mileage signs and overshoot the target!
River and / guide / maps map pocket	The location of the daily camp sites is specified in the TID documentation. If you need it, you can also find the coordinates for your navigation on the Internet. For Serbia you can buy a special map in Mohác, or you can buy maps in Romania. Culture enthusiasts will get some good guides for the larger cities at the cruise ships. There are super bike maps along the Danube and, and, and ... but remember - all of that has to be transported.
Camera, film equipment	Belongs in a waterproof bag or a Pelican Case. A second memory chip could reduce the risk of loss due to heat, moisture, etc. when the memory card is damaged. Pack the charger, spare batteries, etc. watertight.
Money	TID currency is the Euro. Special expenses will be covered by the National Organisational Association in Euro, which may be a bus trip in Bulgaria, a wine tasting, brewery tour, graduation ceremony in Silistra or Sfântu Gheorghe. But also the beer in the bus on the return journey, a gas cartridge or a piece of equipment from a comrade, etc. Right at the border crossing to Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, a change service is offered on the Danube where you can change euros to national currency! In the next larger place there will be ATMs where you get national currency with your card! And have Euros spare!
Gifts	Small gifts for children are always well received, e.g. small balls, <u>flummies</u> , magnets or similar. Also sweets are gladly taken! And maybe a little something for the helpful fisherman, who provides shelter during the downpour?
Medication	Personal medication requirements, if possible, for the entire duration of the journey and first aid basic equipment (for example bandages, bandages, patches, wound disinfectants, tick tweezers, aluminium emergency blankets). Thrombosis prevention can be useful on the very long bus returns (compression stockings). Covid-masks and an international vaccination card might be helpful.
Mobile Telephone	Helpful in case of problems, if you want to inform friends or the head driver or make an emergency call. Emergency numbers you get on the way. Do not forget your charger! Sometimes there are not enough free sockets. This can be solved by bringing a double / triple adapter plug. A power pack is ideal, it helps in emergencies and it's no big tragedy if it gets lost while charging. Label it with your name!
Sunglasses	Replacement eyewear and the eyeglass strap should prevent loss.
Clothing	Sporty, not too much, but washable, easy to dry.

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Paddle Jacket	Waterproof!
Sun hat	Very important! And he should also protect the neck! In windy weather a fishing line is not bad.
<u>Sou'wester</u>	Or another rainproof hat
Swimwear	In the area of the villages naked bathing does not do at all. In the Balkans you are far away from the nudist beaches of Dalmatia and it can be really annoying.
Boat shoes	Shoes that you can go into the water with. Avoids foot injuries.
Toiletries	The usual, from dental care to shaving. Standard items can be bought along the way.
Soap/Detergent	Shower gel, shampoo, detergent in the tube. It is useful if they are also biodegradable as our shower water will usually seep in unclarified or flow into the Danube.
Earplugs	Unfortunately the evening disco is sometimes too close to the camp. Earplugs can help a bit.
Hand Sanitiser	The sanitary conditions are sometimes ... well and then a disinfectant may not hurt
Towels	Microfibre cloths are increasingly being used because they are compact, durable and fast drying
Toilet Paper	There's not always so, half a roll does not hurt. In addition, tissues, feminine hygiene products, etc
Insect Spray	Possibly also a remedy for insect bites
Sun Cream	Despite wearing a hat and protective clothing sun cream is also a necessity. Additionally also after sun cream to treat sunburn.
Basin/ Wash bowl	Foldable, with a few clips and clothes (boat leash, tent cords also do the job)
Pee bottle / Flask	Aim is sometimes not so easy quickly! <u>Whoever saves drinking water to avoid peeing risks serious health problems.</u> For men there's a simple solution!
The most important thing at the end:	The equipment should be tested before the TID! And try to pack the boat at home!