

Cycling Safaris

PRAGUE TO VIENNA 2024

Self-guided Tour
332 km | 8 nights /9 days



The Czech Republic is a beautiful country in central Europe. Past generations have left a wonderful treasure of cultural and historical monuments reflecting a rich and diverse history - ancient towns full of life and culture, Gothic castles and churches, Renaissance chateaux, and many examples of folk cultures. More than two thousand castles, chateaux and castle ruins have been preserved in the Czech Republic. Few countries of Europe can match its richness of historical and architectural monuments.

This tour will give you the opportunity to discover the impressive countryside of Moravia and Bohemia Lands which are still less visited corners of central Europe. The tour links the magnificent cities of Prague and Vienna with the picturesque villages of Moravia, architectural pearls of Bohemia and other natural gems of the country. Most of the days trails are through beautiful and ever changing landscape with little traffic in unspoiled countryside.

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrive in Prague

You will be met at the Airport and transferred to your hotel in the beautiful city of Prague. On arrival in the city you can check into your hotel and then explore the city at your leisure.

DAY 2 Prague to Cesky Krumlov approx. 27 km / 16 miles

In the morning you will be met and collected by our representatives (time will be advised on the voucher which you will receive on your arrival) to their office for a welcome briefing and setting up your bikes (if renting from us). Then you will be transferred (185km/111m) by minibus to Cesky Krumlov, where you check in at the hotel and can sight see around this magical town in Cesky Krumlov. There is an option to cycle up to Klet hill. It is 26 km long round ride up to Klet hill. Total elevation gain 692 m.



DAY 3**Cesky Krumlov to Trebon****approx. 55km / 33 miles**

You can choose between 53 or 63 km long route today. There is an optional visit of the castle and garden in the morning before the cycle leads you through the beautiful hilly landscape surrounding Cesky Krumlov.

However, the closer you get to Trebon area, the flatter the landscape becomes. It is a wonderfully scenic cycle through a picturesque landscape which ends in Trebon, also well-known as a major spa resort.

After you check in to your hotel and you can visit the Schwarzenberg Tomb. In case you would like to relax in a spa, we can arrange a massage, whirlpool or other services at Trebon's wellness centre. We also recommend an evening walk around the Renaissance town.

DAY 4**Trebon to Telc****approx. 78 km / 48 miles**

In the morning there is an optional tour of Trebon chateau in the morning. Your cycle winds along many ponds and man-made lakes, so typical of this region, to Perslak, the most northern point of Austria. You will follow the border with Austria on the Greenways trail passing through Nova Bystrice, where you will have lunch. From Nova Bystrice the trail will take you through the forests of the National Park called Czech Canada. The day ends in Telc, a Renaissance town registered on the UNESCO Cultural Heritage List. Houses on the main square in Telc, with facades decorated with typically renaissance graffiti, form the best-preserved Renaissance square in the Czech Republic. It is extremely interesting to compare the differences between the towns of Trebon, Cesky Krumlov and Telc.

DAY 5**Telc - Vranov/Bitov area****approx. 55 km / 35 miles**

Optional tour of Telc chateau in the morning. You will ride through several charming villages typical for this area of the country. We will cycle gently through the region of South Moravia and stay overnight in Vranov/Bitov area which is situated near a dam.

DAY 6**Vranov/Bitov area - Znojmo****approx. 32-38 km / 20-23 miles**

You will cycle on the Greenways trail following the river Dyje and the southern Czech border with Austria. You can choose between a faster paved route and a longer more demanding but very beautiful trail through the national park of Dyje. Znojmo is the gateway to South Moravia - the region of wine production.

DAY 7**Znojmo - Mikulov****approx. 61-72 km / 37-43 miles**

This flatland region is a traditional grape-growing area and there are many wine cellars. We continue and arrive to Mikulov, a town with a rich history, a beautiful castle and a historical square. You can choose between the shorter and longer option. Exploring Mikulov on your own in the evening.

Day 8**Mikulov - Vienna (46 km / 28 miles by bike, transfer to Vienna 50 km / 30 miles by car)**

You cross the border at the Mikulov border checkpoint, we spend the rest of the day in Austria. The ride in Austria is, to begin with, very similar to the Czech section. There are vineyards, fields and small villages along the trail. The cycling part of the tour ends in Mistelbach (45 km) where you meet the driver who takes you directly to your hotel in Vienna. You can also meet the driver in Poysdorf (25 km). This has to be agreed in advance. The official tour programme ends with a check-in to your Vienna hotel..

Day 9**Homeward bound....**

After breakfast and you are free to head home at your leisure.

2024 TOUR PRICE

Self Guided pps - Category B	€1200
Single Room Rate - Category B	€1420
Self Guided pps - Category A	€1540
Single Supplement - Category A	€1820
Bike rental (incl pannier)	€90 (incl pannier)
E Bike (incl pannier)	€195 (incl pannier)
Road Bike	€145

There are two options for this tour.

- Category B accommodation - 3* accommodation
- Category A accommodation - 4* accommodation

2024 TOUR DATES

Daily, from April until the end of October
(solo traveler on request)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 8 nights accommodation in 3*** (Category B) or 4**** (Category A) hotels with breakfast
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Detailed route notes and maps (one per room *)
- All transfers during the tour as per itinerary
- Pick up from Prague airport to Prague Hotel on the arrival day of the tour at an appointed time
- 24 hour hotline assistance service
- GPX data and off-line maps for smartphones

Extras:

€90	27 speed touring bike with panniers, lock, helmet, repair kit
€195	E-bike with panniers, Lock, helmet, repair kit
€145	Road bike with lock, helmet, repair kit

€1 / €2 per day local tourist taxes, payable on spot

€15 GPS device rental (needs to be pre-booked)

Optional:

Half Board supplement Cat. B: €25 dinner supplement per day

Half Board supplement Cat. A: €30 dinner supplement per day

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

If you require additional accommodation and would like us to book it on your behalf, please let us know:-

Pre-tour night in Prague 3* :-	€60.00 per person sharing.	€110.00 for single room.
Post-tour night in Vienna 3* :-	€70.00 per person sharing.	€120.00 for single room.
Pre-tour night in Prague 4* :-	€90.00 per person sharing.	€150.00 for single room.
Post-tour night in Vienna 4* :-	€90.00 per person sharing.	€160.00 for single room.

WHAT TO BRING

We would recommend that you bring padded cycling shorts and / or a gel saddle cover which will make your days cycling more comfortable. Cycling gloves are also a good investment, as are hard-sole shoes which will help protect your feet. Please bring your own helmet as these are not provided. And don't forget raingear including a rain jacket, rain pants and slip-on boots. A hat and sunglasses will protect you from getting all too much sun. Finally, please make an effort to pack lightly. This will make your travels easier and will be much appreciated with the luggage transfers.

BIKE RENTAL

The touring bikes for this tour are 21 speed Specialised **mountain / touring bikes** with Shimano equipment. All bikes have a pannier bag and a handlebar bag with map holder in case of guided tours (for self-guided there are also saddle bags), rear lights, bottle cage and mudguards.



Crossing/trekking bikes - Leader Fox - at least 21 gears, water-bottle holder, rear rack, bell, mudguard

City bikes: - Specialized - at least 21 gears, water-bottle holder, rear rack, bell, mudguard

E-bike: - AGOGS City Liner Class - a bike with the electrical engine - 8 gears, water-bottle holder, rear rack, bell, mudguard



Includes:

- handle-bar bag
- helmet
- lock
- repair kit
- rear pannier

Optional:

- new helmet for sale - 29 Euro - has to be ordered in advance



Generally most of days you cycle between 40 – 70kms and most of days offer more than one option. This is a moderate tour (i.e., not for beginners) in terms of difficulty. There some hills to climb (and **occasional short off-road sections**) on this tour so we would recommend that you do some cycling before the tour in order to make your week more enjoyable, if possible do it on varied terrain and include some hill climbing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Accommodation (3 * & 4 * options available)

All hotels are carefully checked and reviewed, and located in ideal places for the tour programme. We accommodate clients in double or twin rooms. On request, you can be accommodated in a triple room for a reduced price or in a single room (with a single supplement).

Your luggage will be transported from hotel to hotel. The luggage is picked up after 9am and delivered to your next hotel before 4pm.

We provide special cycling maps (Scale 1:100,000 or higher) and plans of cities where you stay for a night. On either maps and plans are recommended routes highlighted. All recommended route are carefully selected so you can see as much as possible interesting sights, enjoy cycling and to stay safe away from busy roads.

Arrival to Prague

The largest and main Czech airport is **Prague-Ruzyně**. Domestic flights run from Moravia to Bohemia (e.g. from Ostrava to Prague), although most flights are international.

Climate

The climate in the Czech Republic is moderate, with average summer temperatures of about 22°C (highest average temperatures 26°C) which is yet another factor that makes the Czech Republic so ideal for cycling holidays.

Currency - Although the Czech Republic is a member of the EU, it is not so far a member of the Eurozone and for this reason, the euro is not the official currency here (yet despite this it is possible to exchange euro for Czech crowns without any problems). The official currency is called the crown, which is made up of 100 hellers.