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Cycling Prague, Vienna and Charming Bratislava

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Cycle from Prague to Vienna via charming Bratislava.

Holiday code: CPB

Countries included: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria

Activity level: 3

Themes: Cycling

Tour type:

Minimum age: 16

Duration: 9 nights

Available in: Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

Overview

Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria offers a beautifully varied landscape for cycling. During this bike tour we visit three capitals, a number of medieval and renaissance UNESCO towns, travel through rolling hills and flatlands, alongside rivers and lakes, and enter the stunning areas of the national park known locally as 'Czech Canada'.

Over ten days you'll experience:

- **Capitals** Prague, Bratislava and Vienna
- **Cesky Krumlov**, a UNESCO fairy-tale town.
- **National parks** like Czech Canada and Thayatal.
- **Renaissance towns** including Trebon, Telc and Slavonice.
- **Lednice-Valtice** UNESCO grounds, known as Moravian Versailles.
- **Skalica**, the wine-growing town in western Slovakia famous for its delicious wines including the red wine Skalický Rubín (Skalica's Ruby).



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- **Wine tasting** with a local wine dresser.
- **Danube and Morava** cycle paths.

Itinerary

Day 1: Meet in Prague and transfer to the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov.

After meeting at your hotel, this morning you'll transfer 185km to the UNESCO town of Cesky Krumlov, a fairytale-like town. It's located on the banks of the meandering Vltava River, with a spectacular castle standing above it on a high rock. After check-in there will be time for a sightseeing tour of the town, followed by dinner in one of the medieval restaurants of your choice.

Meals included

None

Accommodation

Pension Prelat (or simila

Day 2: Cycle to the town of Trebon, a fairytale town in South Bohemia.

We'll leave the hilly terrain for a flatter region of ponds, forests and meadows, known as Trebonsko. The Trebon region is a magical place, and one of the most picturesque in the entire Czech Republic. En route we'll discover idyllic countryside, with over 6,000 lakes, many small islands, mysterious wetlands, marshes and peat bogs, providing a habitat to countless rare species of flora and fauna.

Our destination is the town of Trebon, a town that looks like it belongs in a fairy tale, built in renaissance style and one of the most popular destinations in the Czech Republic. Around the town are two large ponds, Svet and Opatovicky. There is also the state chateau in Trebon, and the Neo-Gothic tomb of the Schwanzenbergs, an aristocratic family and former title holders of the town.

Total cycling

Distance: 53 km

Total ascent: 617 m

Total descent: 688 m

Max elevation: 590 m

Min elevation: 393 m

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Myslivna (or similar)

Day 3: Cycle across the national park of 'Czech Canada' to Telc.

Today the stunning scenery of 'Czech Canada' National Park awaits us. We'll join the most popular collection of cycle paths in Central Europe today – The Greenways, which connect romantic Prague with elegant Vienna. Along the way there are countless attractions to admire including castles, chateaus, churches, picturesque villages and renaissance towns.

In the second half of the day we'll swap nature for another UNESCO gem, the renaissance town of Telc. You'll see its chateau and unique square, and well-preserved renaissance and baroque houses.

Total cycling

Distance: 78 km

Total ascent: 809 m

Total descent: 748 m

Max elevation: 677 m

Min elevation: 452 m

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Anton (or similar)

Day 4: Cycle to Vranov, the gateway to the national park of Thayatal.

In the morning we'll take a transfer – by train or private bus – to the small town of Slavonice located on the border with Austria. After some sightseeing we'll cycle through the forest to Vranov, along the Czech-Austria border. While admiring the beauty of the Dyje (Thaya) National Park, we'll get a stunning view of Vranov chateau, perched high on a rock above the Dyje River, and the Vranovska reservoir – a popular summer destination. We'll spend the night in Vranov.

Total cycling

Distance: 57 km
Total ascent: 576 m
Total descent: 783 m
Max elevation: 556 m
Min elevation: 310 m

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Pension Jelen (or similar)

Day 5: Cycle along the former Iron Curtain trail to Znojmo.

A point of interest south of the village of Artole, is a lookout tower once used by border troops. On the outskirts of Píšov there is a well-preserved section of the military supply route, including barbed-wire fence and watchtower.

Today's cycling ends in the town of Znojmo, which – due to its location – is dubbed the 'gate' to Southern Moravia.

Total cycling

Distance: 32 km
Total ascent: 200 m
Total descent: 230 m
Max elevation: 469 m
Min elevation: 286 m

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Lahofer (or similar)

Day 6: Cycle past vineyards to the wine-making town of Mikulov.

Today's ride aims to discover the rich fertile flatland of the region of Southern Moravia, home to an abundance of vineyards and wine cellars. We'll cycle to Mikulov, a gem located directly on the border with Austria. Highlights include a pretty castle, the town square and the surrounding architecture.

Total cycling

Distance: 64 km
Total ascent: 410 m
Total descent: 462 m
Max elevation: 297 m
Min elevation: 127 m

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Galant (or similar)

Day 7: Cross the Czech-Slovakia border and cycle to Skalica via Lednice-Valtice UNESCO grounds.

Today we'll ride through the stunning area of the Lednice-Valtice UNESCO complex. A romantic landscape where history meets nature, it's full of ponds dotted with water lilies, green forests with well-

maintained paths, alongside magnificent ancient buildings.

Our first stop is is Lednice, the 'Moravian Versailles', with its splendid chateau, minaret, large park and gardens. The next stop is Valtice, the original seat of the Lichtenstein family. The Valtice chateau and its wine cellars stock the very best Moravian wines.

You'll then cross the Czech-Slovakia border heading to Skalica. The area is rich in folklore and wine-making traditions, and this evening you'll experience wine tasting with a local wine-dresser and have a chance to sample some of the locally produced wines including Skalický Rubín (Skalica's Ruby), which is a reference to its specific colour.

This wine can only be produced using grapes grown on the precisely defined territory of the Royal town of Skalica and several neighbouring villages, including Mokry Haj. This village was established in the foothills of the Vintoperk Hill by Croatian colonists in the second half of the 16th century.

Total cycling

Distance: 65 km

Terrain: tarmac and gravel

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Penzion na Potočnej (or similar)

Day 8: Cycle to Bratislava following the Iron Curtain Trail by the Morava river.

After a short guided stroll in Skalica you'll transfer 69 km to Zahorska Ves. From here you'll follow the Iron Curtain Trail, the border between Austria and Czechoslovakia during the communist regime. Cycling through floodplain forests and protected areas, our main stop will be the Devin castle located at the confluence of the Morava and Danube Rivers. From here you can admire beautiful panoramic views over Austria.

Today's cycling will end with a ride to Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, which has an intriguing history of its own.

Total cycling

Distance: 40km

Terrain: tarmac and gravel

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Devin (or similar)

Day 9: Cycle the popular Danube cycle path from Bratislava to Vienna.

Today you'll follow the popular Danube cycle path all the way from Bratislava to Vienna. The path leads us through the Donau-Auen National Park, which preserves the last remaining major wetlands area in Central Europe.

Once you get to Vienna, there will be time for a short stroll in the Old Town before our farewell dinner in one of the local Viennese restaurants.

In terms of distance, this is the most demanding day of the tour. The terrain is flat and normally everyone with an average level of fitness is fully capable of completing the ride all the way to Vienna.

Total cycling

Distance: 70km

Terrain: tarmac

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Boltzmann (or similar)

Day 10: Your tour comes to an end.

After breakfast your tour ends.

Meals included

Breakfast

Essential Holiday Information

Is this trip right for you?

The first half of the route is undulating and requires a reasonable level of fitness. The second half of the trip is on generally flat paths and roads. The average daily distance is 55 km on tarmac and gravel roads.

What's Included

- 9 nights in three-star pensions and hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- Wine tasting and buffet dinner with local wine dresser
- Bike rental including pannier, lock and spare parts
- Maps and detailed route descriptions, routes for GPS devices
- Bus transfer from Prague to Cesky Krumlov
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- 24/7 local support
- Tour guide and support vehicle (only for guided groups)

What's not Included

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Cycle helmet – you must bring your own
- Departure transfer on day 8

Optional

Single room supplement: 155 EUR

Max group size

Normally 14 max.

Start point

This tour starts in Prague, Czech Republic.

End point

This tour starts in Vienna, Austria.

Flights & Airports

To enhance flexibility our holidays do not include flights. This gives you the freedom to choose a local airport that works for you and shop for the best deal. We recommend booking your flight to Prague.

Getting there & Airport transfers

Once you have decided which airport works for you best you will need to choose the way how to get to the starting hotel / joining point. There are two options:

Public transport

You can reach Prague city by public transport (bus, train). Using the public transport is another way of

experiencing your destination, which puts you right in the centre of the action. If you prefer to travel by public transport we can help you find the best option.

Private transfers (door to door service)

Book your private airport transfers directly with us. Our fast, reliable and affordable private transfers are the best way to reach your starting hotel quickly and comfortably. For up-to-date prices of Airport private transfers [click here](#).

Accommodation

During this tour you'll stay in comfortable three star pensions and hotels.

Extra Nights

If you need to arrive or leave on a different date, please contact us and we'd be more than happy to arrange extra pre or post tour accommodation for you.

Packing

We recommend you pack as light as possible, with a backpack for your main luggage and daypack for each day's cycling. Below you will find a recommended packing list. It is by no means exhaustive, so if you're in any doubt, please contact us.

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- T-shirts and shorts
- Long-sleeved breathable tops
- Trousers
- Jacket/coat/fleece
- Waterproofs
- Padded cycling shorts and gloves
- Strong trainers/shoes suitable for cycling
- Water bottle
- Small first-aid kit
- Sun cream, sunhat and sunglasses
- You must also bring your own cycle helmet

Itinerary disclaimer

Please note, we want to run this trip following the day-to-day itinerary on the trip notes. However, sometimes operational circumstances may sometimes prevent us from doing this. Your tour leader will keep you fully informed of any alternative plans that are necessary on-the-ground. Also, based on feedbacks from past travellers, occasionally our itineraries are amended. Final version of your trip notes will be emailed to you prior to travel.

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