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# Cycling Prague to Vienna

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Cycle the greenways route from Prague to Vienna.

**Holiday code:** CPV

**Countries included:** Czech Republic, Austria

**Activity level:** 3

**Themes:** Cycling

**Tour type:**

**Minimum age:** 16

**Duration:** 7 nights

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

## Overview

This cycling holiday from Prague to Vienna takes you along the border of The Czech Republic and Austria, known as the Greenways and Iron Curtain Trail. You'll experience the ride of a lifetime across picturesque winegrowing villages, medieval and renaissance towns, and a number of national parks including the famous Czech Canada.

Over eight days you'll experience:

- **Prague**, the capital of the Czech Republic.
- **Cesky Krumlov**, a UNESCO fairy-tale town.
- **National parks** like Czech Canada and Thayatal.
- **Renaissance towns** including Trebon, Telc and Slavonice.
- **Mikulov**, the wine-growing town in Moravia.
- **Lednice-Valtice** UNESCO grounds, known as Moravian Versailles.
- **Vienna**, the capital of Austria.



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# 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 similar)

## 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 Schwandenbergs, 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.

Today we'll cycle through an area that, in the past, was strictly monitored by troops during the Communist era. For 45 years Europe was forcibly divided into East and West by the "Iron Curtain" and the Greenway runs along the Iron Curtain trail.

A point of interest south of the village of Artole, is a lookout tower once used by border troops. On the outskirts of Žižov 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: Cycle through the Lednice-Valtice UNESCO grounds, then transfer

## to Vienna.

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-Austria border heading to Poysdorf, from where you'll transfer to Vienna. To really give the city the attention it deserves, we recommend booking an extra night in Vienna, making it a nine-day trip overall.

### Total cycling

Distance: 49 km  
Total ascent: 540 m  
Total descent: 589 m  
Max elevation: 298 m  
Min elevation: 161 m

### Meals included

Breakfast

### Accommodation

Hotel Boltzmann (or similar)

## Day 8: 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

- 7 nights in three-star pensions and hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 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: 95 EUR

Solo traveller: 480 EUR (includes single room supplement)

## Max group size

Normally 14 max.

## Start point

This tour starts in Prague.

## End point

This tour ends in Vienna.

## 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.

## Ready to go? Signing up is quick and easy!

1. Check availability online or contact us by email or phone.
2. Secure your place/s online by clicking the BOOK NOW button or contact us by email/phone. Your place is secured with a 99 EUR deposit per person and can pay by bank transfer.
3. Once the deposit is received a confirmation email will be sent to your email automatically, and your place/s will be officially confirmed.

## Why book with Slovakia Explorer

On this bike tour of the Czech Republic and Austria you'll experience cycling on the most popular cycle path in Europe, the Greenway and Iron Curtain trail. These connect two of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Prague and Vienna. You can expect perfectly planned routes through national parks, medieval and renaissance towns, on quality bikes with full support of our local team. This promises to be an unforgettable bike tour in Central Europe.