

Premium Tour

Guided Cycling Tour

Tour description

Day 1	
Arrive Vienna - Valtice	
Day 2	40km
To Lednice - Mikulov	
Day 3	41 km
To Znojmo – Vranov nad Dyji	
Day 4	48km
To Slavonice – Telc	
Day 5	43km
To Jindrichuv Hradec	
Day 6	30 km
To Trebon	
Day 7	63km
To Cesky Krumlov	
Day 8	
To Prague	

Tour Details 2020

Departure Dates:

June 14

July 18

August 15

September 11

Cost: \$3395 per person (8+ people)
\$3695 per person (4-7 people)

Bike Rental: Included

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate to Intermediate

Starts: Breclav

Ends: Cesky Krumlov

Czech Republic



Vienna - Cesky Krumlov - Prague

Explore the “Castles of Bohemia” on this picturesque bicycling route from Vienna in Austria to Prague in the Czech Republic through Cesky Krumlov. Immerse yourself in local culture as you take in the classical mix of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architectural styles. This cycling tour takes in the most romantic and stunning scenery as you gently ride over rolling hills through untouched countryside, and include the Lednice-Valtice Area, Telc, and Cesky Krumlov – all UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The days are balanced with cycling through pastoral country landscapes, wandering through cobblestone streets and appreciating age-old architecture. Explore the heart of Bohemia, its food, wine, lager, and rich cultural heritage. Some more challenging rides take you through the Bohemian Forest. End in Prague, known as the Golden City, once Europe’s trade centre.

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Fast Facts

- Selected hotels and pensions with breakfast and dinners included
- Luggage transfers and route notes
- GPS and services of local guide
- Guided tours to castles, chateaux and museums

E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies available, reservations upon booking recommended
- TREK or SCOTT E-Sub models



Itinerary

Day 1 Vienna - Valtice

Individual arrival by train from Vienna (or Prague) to Breclav, where you meet your contact person who will drive you to your hotel and introduce you to the program. You will receive your route notes, maps, and contact information. Take a short cycling loop towards the Czech-Austrian border to see the former “no man’s land” of the Iron Curtain.

Day 2 Valtice - Lednice - Mikulov 40 km

You will start your biking trip in the Lednice-Valtice area (UNESCO World Heritage Site), where you will ride on forest and field trails. Two magnificent chateaux grace the area, along with numerous 'follies', romantic structures harmonized into the surrounding landscape. A paved road with little traffic then leads you to Mikulov. Here, you see its imposing castle, historic square, the tomb of the Dietrichstein family, and the synagogue and Jewish cemetery, where the oldest tombstone dates back to 1605.

Day 3 Mikulov - Znojmo - Vranov nad Dyji 41 km

A morning transfer takes you from Mikulov to a viewpoint above Znojmo. Then, you cycle through the Podyji National Park, beautiful views of the deep, forested river valley and the last remnant of the Iron Curtain. Take in the Vranov Chateau, perched high on a rock above the Dyje River, and spend the night in Vranov nad Dyji.

Day 4 Vranov nad Dyji - Slavonice – Telc 48 km

From Vranov, you skirt along the Austrian border to Slavonice, a forgotten jewel with beautiful sgraffito houses. Then, transfer by local train to the town of Telc, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its perfectly preserved Renaissance town centre.

Day 5 Telc - Jindrichuv Hradec 43 km

Today, you will cycle through the Czech-Moravian Highlands, through fields and forests. A unique stop in Kostelni Myslova is the memorial to Jewish painter Frantisek Moritz Nagl, a local artist who died in Auschwitz along with his family. Finish the day in the old town of Jindrichuv Hradec, containing the third biggest castle complex in the Czech Republic.

Day 6 Jindrichuv Hradec - Trebon 30 km

Take in the historic town and castle of Jindrichuv Hradec, then start cycling through a mosaic of ponds, woods and meadows of the Bohemia Lake District. Arrive at Trebon, a medieval town whose walls are still largely intact. Enter the historical centre through a gate in the old fortifications and across a moat, part of a unique water regulation system dating back to the 16th century.

Day 7 Trebon - Cesky Krumlov 63 km

The last day of cycling leads you through hilly terrain to the jewel of South Bohemia, the town of Cesky Krumlov (a UNESCO Heritage Site). This gorgeous town is situated on the upper banks of the meandering Vltava River. Enjoy the town, and spend the night in Cesky Krumlov.

Day 8 Cesky Krumlov - Prague

See all that Cesky Krumlov has to offer during your last day. The old town preserves a virtually intact and unparalleled ensemble of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque structures. Among the attractions are the second largest castle complex in the Czech Republic, and the oldest working Baroque theatre in Europe. This is the end of our services, and you will transfer by bus from Cesky Krumlov to Prague.



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

The weather in this region is very similar to Vermont. So spring may be a little cloudy and rainy. Summer will be cool mornings and evenings, and hot during the day.

How many hours of cycling a day?

Be prepared to be active between 3 to 6 hours daily. This is a fully supported tour, so you can choose to opt out and take the support van at any point throughout the journey.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, as you will enjoy the holiday more. This is an moderate to intermediate trips with challenging options.

What are the hotels like?

Your hotels will be smaller, charming hotels and pensions. They are all in a good central location and often in a historical building. All rooms are double occupancy. A double room has one large bed for two people (usually queen size) and a twin room means that there will be two single beds in one room. All hotels have a private bathroom that is usually equipped with a bath and sometimes a shower.



Getting There

- Fly into Vienna with many international airlines.
- The fastest trains to Breclav leave from Vienna Station Wien Meidling.

The train schedule for VIENNA-BRECLAV route is as follows:

DEP. 09:31 - ARR. 10:53	EC 172
DEP. 12:31 - ARR. 13:53	EC 70
DEP. 13:31 - ARR. 14:53	EC 102
DEP. 14:31 - ARR. 15:53	EC 72
DEP. 16:31 - ARR. 17:56	EC 74

Check this website – www.idos.cz/ The tickets do not need to be reserved in advance. Clients just turn up at the train station, in good time (20 minutes or so) and purchase tickets from the ticket counter.

For your comfort we organize a bus transfer from Cesky Krumlov to Prague that will take approx. 2-3 hrs.

Extra Info

The Guided tour includes:

- Services of professional bilingual guide
- Accommodations specially selected
- Buffet breakfast and dinner s
- Luggage transfer
- Route descriptions
- Detailed cycling and town maps
- Global Positioning System (GPS) console with programmed route
- Support van
- Welcome briefing upon arrival
- Quality TREK or SCOTT bike rental
- Guided tours of chateaux, castles, museums
- Wine tastings

We have a small selection of hotels for your arrival or departure.

Hotels in Vienna and Prague range from \$90 per night to a deluxe 5* property at \$300 per night.

How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.