

Cycling Tour

Self-guided Bike Trip

Czech Republic



Tour description

Day 1	
Arrive Prague	
Day 2	51 km
To Mělník	
Day 3	47 km
To Litoměřice	
Day 4	51 km
To Decin	
Day 5	25 km
Bad Schandau	
Day 6	45 km
To Dresden	
Day 7	
Dresden tour ends	

Prague to Dresden, Along the Elbe

Cycling from the Czech Republic to Germany, along the Vltava and Elbe Rivers, picture the romance of it all. Starting from Prague, a City of a Hundred Spires, a UNESCO monument and one of the most beautiful locations in the world, you cycle to Dresden. Discover the magnificent promenades on the bank of the Elbe, interesting museums and architecture, world class cultural life, charming hospitality and warm welcomes.

Well marked bike trails winding their way through the countryside along the banks of the river, make this a relatively easy bike tour. We start by cycling to Mělník, the centre of winemaking in Bohemia then through the fertile countryside. The most impressive part of the tour is the region called Czech and Saxon Switzerland. Bike along a steep-sided river valley with fantastic sandstone formations towering above.

Once in Germany, the bicycle trails are a joy to follow. There are more than 200 long-distance bikes routes in Germany set away from busy roads, with some completely car free. Each route has its own name, and signs keep you headed in the right direction. Along the way, friendly German people provide riders with regional cuisine, warm hospitality and a helping hand if you need one.

Tour Details

Daily from April to end October

Cost: \$2395 per person

Single Room Upgrade: \$550

Bike Rental: Included

Length: 7 days / 6 nights

Grade: Easy

Starts: Prague

Ends: Dresden



Fast Facts

- Breakfast included, option available for dinners as well
- Welcome briefing on arrival day
- Luggage transfers, route notes and services of local office

E-Bike Info:

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



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Day 1 Individual arrival in Prague

Discover the Old Town Hall with the famous Prague Astronomical Clock, the winding lanes of the Jewish Quarter, which you know from the novels of Franz Kafka. Cafes entice you to come and have a seat and enjoy a coffee and a sweet dessert. Take a look at the Gothic Charles Bridge and Church of St. Nicholas in the Lesser Town, the most beautiful Baroque church in Prague. Take a trip to the Palace Gardens, set away from the bustle of the city, Petřín with a lookout tower reminiscent of a small Eiffel Tower and Prague Castle ... Each of Prague's districts has its own characteristic atmosphere and unique charm. Prague presents itself to you as a changeable city, which likes to alternate styles; it is romantic and successful, ancient and modern, but above all it is a city that is cosmopolitan through and through, and is used to welcoming guests.

Day 2 Prague – Mělník 51 km

You will be met at your hotel by our representative, who will introduce you to the program and hand over the bikes and information materials. After a short car transfer to the chateau Troja, on the outskirts of Prague, you begin cycling northward along the Vltava River. After you get out of town the landscape begins to change, from the bustling city to acres of vineyards. Your destination of Mělník is the main wine growing centre in Bohemia. Mělník's Renaissance palace looks out over the confluence of the Vltava and Elbe Rivers, and the view goes down well with the wine...

Day 3 Mělník – Litoměřice 47 km

Today's ride is from Mělník through Roudnice nad Labem and Li-bechov, with its incredible palace and gardens. The next stop is the transit camp and ghetto for Jews and other Nazi prisoners en route to extermination camps during WWII - Terezin. This fortress is now a memorial to those who suffered here. Then a short ride to the town of Litoměřice, the major town in the region, with its superb architecture.

Day 4 Litoměřice – Decin 51 km

Cycle along the valley of the Elbe River, with the cascading hills beside the bike trail. Look out for the ruins of Strekov Castle high above the river near the town of Usti nad Labem. Today's route finishes in Decin, the last larger town before you reach the border with Germany.

Day 5 Decin – Bad Schandau 25 km

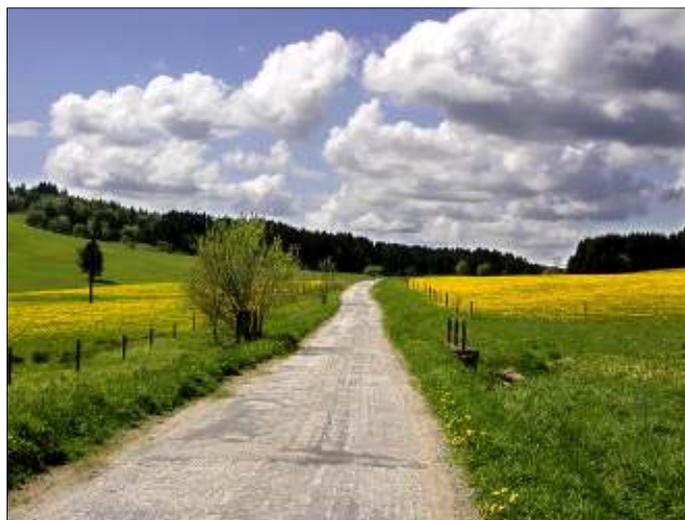
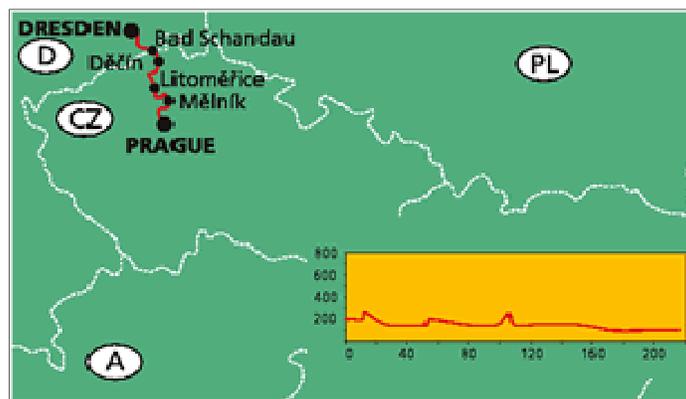
Today is easy day in terms of length. Begin by cycling to the German border, then it's on to Bad Schandau. Today's ride goes through the incredible landscape of the Bohemian / Saxon Switzerland area, following the forested river valley through the incredible sandstone formations. You continue on to Bad Schandau on the German side, a neat and tidy spa town where you can make use of the spa facilities, or just enjoy the town's quiet, genteel atmosphere while watching the boats go by.

Day 6 Bad Schandau – Dresden 45 km

Continue on through the sandstone formations of Saxon Switzerland. As you journey along the Elbe river valley you might want to climb to the impressive Bastei rock formation above the spa town of Rathen, then continue on past the massive fortress of Koningstein. Cycling through peaceful meadows and precious wetlands to Dresden rounds off this tour perfectly.

Day 7 Dresden

Tours ends after breakfast. Sightseeing is recommended in Dresden this day. No visitor to Dresden should miss: the Zwinger Pavilion, The Frauenkirche Church, the Semper Opera House as well as the Royal Palace.



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 4 to 6 hours daily, everything will be at a moderate level. This is a not supported tour, so you should be able to ride the minimums required each day. Keep in mind that you can opt out occasionally or take local transport en route.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, as you will enjoy the holiday more. The tour follows the course of a river, usually downstream; the terrain profile is almost level. Beginner bikers can easily travel the route.

What are the hotels like?

We use a wide mixture of accommodations. Hotels and lodges are of superior standard with private facilities. Facilities in the village stays are obviously quite limited, but we make sure you have clean and charming accommodation.



Getting There

- Fly into Prague with many international airlines.
- From Dresden, take the train back to any major European airport.



Extra Info

The self-guided tour includes:

- Accommodation specially selected
- Buffet breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Route descriptions
- Detailed cycling and town maps
- Global Positioning System (GPS) console with programmed route
- Transportation by car according to program
- Welcome briefing upon arrival
- Quality TREK bike rental
- Stand-by support (cell phone & contact person)

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

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

This trip can be combined with Vienna to Prague.

We have both cycling and hiking options, so please feel free to contact us for more information.

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.