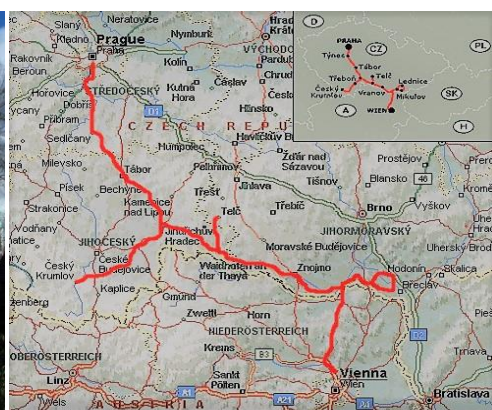


## AUSTRIA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC - VIENNA TO PRAGUE

8-days / 7-nights one of the best **GUIDED** or **SELF-GUIDED** inn-to-inn cycling tours in Central Europe

This is the original *classic* cycling route connecting two of the most fascinating and exciting cities in Europe - the Austrian capital Vienna and the capital of today's Czech Republic, Prague. The journey encompasses six **World Heritage Sites** (protected by UNESCO) and offers a ride full of history and culture with varied, ever changing countryside, interesting towns and villages whose pubs reputedly serve the **best beer in the world**.

Passing pine-clad hills and, in summer fields of yellow rape seed flowers, there are streams and rivers, carp ponds, hop gardens, storybook castles and palaces such as the **chateaux of Valtice** and **Lednice**. Visit the renaissance town square in **Telc**, the medieval town of **Cesky Krumlov** and the rustic baroque village of **Holasovice**. Cycle along what was once the *Iron Curtain* which divided Eastern and Western Europe, the border of the Czech Republic and Austria. Easy to moderate – e-bike hire an option too - ideal for recreational cyclists.



**Self Guided Tour Cost from:** **\$2595** per person (twin share) Single room supplement: \$605  
Solo traveller supplement from: \$485 if touring alone (ask for details)

**Departs:** Depart daily on demand from April to October

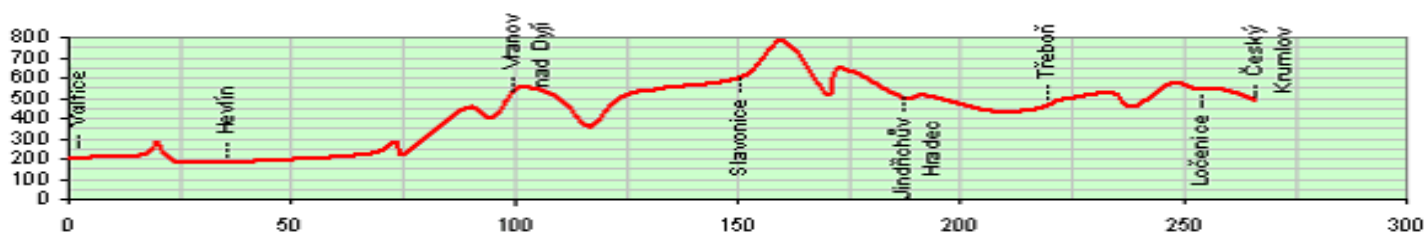
**Guided Tour Cost from:** **\$3570** per person (twin share) for 8+ people. Single supplement: \$615  
**\$3920** per person (twin share) for from 4 to 7 people. Single supplement: \$615

**Departs:** 14<sup>th</sup> June\*; 18<sup>th</sup> July; 15<sup>th</sup> August, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020  
Private guided tours also available (min of 4 people) on any date from April to October.  
*\*change in itinerary, ask for details*

**Includes:** 7 nights' comfortable accommodation with private bathroom in selected hotels and pensions with buffet breakfast each day; luggage transfer and transportation by car as indicated in the tour program; English route descriptions, detailed cycling maps, town maps; Global Positioning System (GPS) console with programmed route; welcome briefing upon arrival and back-up support (cell phone and contact person); hire of a quality multi-gear hybrid bike (helmets are not provided).

**Guided tour also includes:** Professional bilingual guide, support vehicle, dinners each night, entry fees, guided tours and wine tasting.

**E-bikes** are available on both the guided and self-guided tours for a supplement, please ask when booking. Numbers are limited so these must be booked and paid in advance.



**Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations**



**Suggested itinerary:** The itinerary and cycling distances on guided tours are at the discretion of the tour guide

### **Day 1: Vienna – Valtice**

Make your way by train from Vienna to Breclav (train ticket not included, paid locally) where you meet our representative, who will drive you to your first hotel, fit you with your bikes and equipment and introduce you to the program. You will get all the necessary route information and material. Overnight in Valtice.

### **Day 2: Valtice - Lednice - Mikulov**

**cycling @ 40km**

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

### **Day 3: Mikulov – Znojmo – Vranov nad Dyji**

**cycling @ 40km**

Morning transfer by car from Mikulov to Znojmo (1 hour). Then cycle through the Podyji National Park with untouched nature, beautiful views of the deep, forested river valley and the last remnant of the Iron Curtain. Vranov chateau, perched high on a rock above the Dyje River is another highlight. Overnight in Vranov nad Dyji.

### **Day 4: Vranov nad Dyji – Slavonice – Telc**

**cycling @ 50km**

From Vranov skim the Austrian border to Slavonice, a forgotten jewel with sgraffito houses. Then transfer by local train (included in tour cost) to the town of Telc, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its perfectly preserved Renaissance town centre. Overnight accommodation is in Telc.

### **Day 5: Telc – Jindrichuv Hradec**

**cycling @ 45km**

Today you cycle through the Czech-Moravian Highlands, through fields and forests. A unique stop on the way is the memorial in Kostelni Myslova 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. Overnight accommodation is in Jindrichuv Hradec.

### **Day 6: Jindrichuv Hradec – Trebon**

**cycling @ 30km**

Take in the historic town and castle of Jindrichuv Hradec, and then start cycling through the mosaic of ponds, woods and meadows of the Bohemia Lake District to 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 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Overnight accommodation is in Trebon.

### **Day 7: Trebon – Cesky Krumlov**

**cycling @ 65km**

Ride over undulating terrain to the jewel of South Bohemia the town of Cesky Krumlov (a UNESCO Heritage Site), situated on the banks of the meandering upper course of the Vltava River. Overnight in Cesky Krumlov.

### **Day 8: Cesky Krumlov – Prague**

Enjoy all that Cesky Krumlov has to offer today. The old town preserves a wonderful and 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.

In the afternoon take a local bus from Cesky Krumlov to Prague (tickets included in tour cost). Extra nights of hotel accommodation can be booked in Prague (at extra cost) – ask for details when making your reservation.

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