



## **Czech-Germany Prague-Passau bike tour (2025)**

**Guided or Individual Self-Guided**

**6 Days / 5 Nights**



The Prague-Passau road has always been one of the major communication arteries between Czech Kingdom and German empire. On this bike tour we will visit antique UNESCO towns Prague and Cesky Krumlov, stronghold and cradle of Czech reformation Tabor, as well as fairytale-like castles of Konopiste, Rozmberk and Hluboka nad Vltavou. In the center of Czech brewing industry, in České Budejovice, you can taste it's famous product – the Budweiser Budvar (not Budweiser Missouri!). Our next stop will be perfectly preserved renaissance town Cesky Krumlov with more than 300 historical buildings. We will cross former iron curtain through deep woods of Sumava - the biggest national park of Czech republic. We will end our journey in Passau, an ancient bishops town located on the banks of the Danube River.

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## **Day by Day**

### **Day 0 - Arrival to Prague - not included in tour price**

Description of the day: Arrival to Prague, check-in to hotel. This day is up to you to explore Prague by yourselves, relax or have a unique Prague by bike tour. The tour is guided by Prague born guides who truly love the city and will show you much more than Lonely Planet highlights and moreover – all of it done by bike and finished by a mug of good beer in carefully chosen place. Do not hesitate to ask us for this extra tour – it is the most beloved one of our clients! If time is not your worst enemy, we do propose to stay in Prague more days to fully explore the beautiful spots and hidden corners of it. Please do not hesitate to ask us for more nights or other attractions!

Hotels: Night in Prague is not included as most of our guests prefer to stay more nights. We recommend to use one of our standard partner hotels (3/4/5\* Standard) as our route description, GPS files, maps etc. starts from there. If you decide to book your own hotel additional 20 € administration fee will apply. Please note we require hotel with 24/7 reception + bike storage room. We do not accept Air B&B accommodation and it will be your responsibility on day 1 to find way by bike to our starting point.

### **Day 1 Prague – Konopiště Distance: 61 km / 38 miles**

Description of the day: Our first biking day starts easily and relaxed Vltava river upstream on nice bike trails. After 20 km on flat ground we leave the river and climb over to the romantic Posázaví highlands. For every climb you will be rewarded with nice views of the surrounding country side. At Zbořený Kostelec you can take short hike to a local castle ruin. From here we will continue to nearby Týnec nad Sázavou with it's romantic gothic stronghold and Romanesque rotund. We will end today's bike stage by visiting the Konopiste Castle, the summer palace of Archduke Franz Ferdinand D'Este. The assassination of this would-be-king in Sarajevo in 1914 caused World War I.



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**Day 2 - Konopiště – Tábor Distance: 60 km / 38 miles**

Description of the day: The second day offers us gentle biking along small side roads and byways through nice and peaceful part of Central Bohemia. The part we bike through today is sometimes called Czech Meran for all the little ups and downs or Czech Siberia for rather chillier climate in the valleys. It offers a lot of fantastic views and descends with the same amount of climbs on the other hand. After we pass through all this cycling heaven we will end up in Tábor. This mighty fortress served as the headquarters of the Czech reformation in 15th century during the Hussite wars. Never conquered it offers a lot to see and a great evening after a demanding ride!



**Day 3 Tábor - Hluboká nad Vltavou Distance: 60 Km / 38 miles**

Description of the day: We will enter the South Bohemian region today. It is well known for its hospitality, fish farming and architectural style called the folk Baroque. The stage will lead us through picturesque villages of this region and we will visit the village of Záluží with a well-preserved open-air museum of folk architecture. In the Borkovická Marshland, besides admiring this natural wonder, you will learn more about peat mining. In Dolní Bukovsko, we will stop by an early Gothic church of the Birth of Virgin Mary with precious Gothic mural paintings. The highlight of today's stage is the visit of neo-Gothic castle in post-Tudor style in Hluboká nad Vltavou. This fairytale-like building can be easily identified by its numerous big and small towers with noticeable yellow color. The castle is beautiful not only from the outside, but the inside hides treasured items from the Schwarzenberg collection, which are carefully arranged in 141 rooms of the castle.





**Day 4 Hluboká nad Vltavou - Český Krumlov Distance: 40 Km / 25 miles**

Description of the day: Just after breakfast, we will go up the stream of the Vltava River to the South Bohemian metropolis – Ceske Budejovice. Besides the well maintained main square with a Baroque fountain and the Black Tower, this town is famous worldwide for production of the Budweiser Budvar beer. Only one sip of this golden drink gives you a proof that beer making in Bohemia with its several hundred-year old traditions is the true national treasure. Further we will visit the old monastery of Zlata Koruna (Golden Crown), which has its origins in the 13th century when it became an important center of education and ruling power of its time. At the end of the day, we will enter the town sometimes called the “Pearl of Renaissance” – Cesky Krumlov. We will admire a complex of more than 300 historical buildings surrounding a Renaissance castle, which used to be the residence of the most significant aristocratic families in the times of the Bohemian Kingdom. After Prague, Cesky Krumlov is the most popular tourist destination in the Czech Republic. Visiting this town will definitely be the highlight of this entire bike tour from Czech Republic to Passau.

**Day 5 Český Krumlov – Passau Distance: 55 - 90 Km / 35 - 56 miles**

Description of the day: In the morning we will take a transfer to the Šumava NP area. The train/car will take us to Nová pec right on the banks of the Lipno lake. From here we will bike along the river upstream through deep woods, peat bogs and meadows of Šumava national park. Near Stožec we will cross former iron curtain to enter Germany. From here the trail joins a dismantled railway - nowadays perfect cycle trail which will take us gently through the hilly area nearly to Waldkirchen. From here it goes gently up and down through the bavarian rural area with perfect net of small side roads and bike trails till we reach our destination - Passau right on the banks of the mighty Danube river.



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#### **Day 6 Passau Description of the day:**

This day is yours to fully enjoy the beautiful town of Passau.

One day extension is highly recommended. Either by bike, by boat or combined you can follow Danube river downstream to famous Donau Knee. One of the most scenic and dramatic areas of a whole Danube trail!

#### **Route**



Total distance 290 km moderately challenging ride.

Travel departure dates: Every day between April 15 and October 10

Guided Tour dates: August 17 and August 31

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**Prices per person double occupancy in Euros**

-All prices are per person in Euros and subject to confirmation on booking

**Self-guided tour with luggage transfer included**

**2 Persons** 815 €

**Fully guided tour**

**Price from:** 1230 €

**Extras**

Bike rental 105€

Road/Gravel bike rental 130 €

E-bike rental 180 €

Single surcharge 205 €

Solo rider surcharge 210 €

Premium accommodation surcharge 225 €

Premium accommodation single surcharge 225 €

Halfboard surcharge 190 €

Premium halfboard surcharge 230 €

Night in Prague On request

Extra night in Passau On request

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## **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

### **Self guided individual tours**

- Individual pre-tour meeting at appointed time at client's hotel on the first day of the tour
- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions (city standard/premium)
- Breakfast on all days
- Day by day description with altitude profiles, places to visit and local tips
- Official biking maps with highlighted routing (per room)
- Detailed tailor-made cycling maps (per room)
- Detailed town maps with highlighted routing to/from hotel (per room)
- Step by step route description (per room)
- Train tickets and train timetables (for tours where train transfer is part of a tour schedule)
- Transportation of luggage between hotels between 9-17:00 (for option including luggage transfers only!)
- Practical bike ride and safety information
- 24-hour hotline assistance service

### **What is not included in price of Self guided individual tours**

- Personal travel and health insurance for participants in the tour
- Transportation (air tickets) to/from starting/final point of the tour
- Transfer from Prague Airport to your Prague hotel on the day of arrival
- Transfer from hotel to the airport on departure day
- Meals (except for breakfasts)
- Entrance fees to museums, castles, and chateaux
- Local touristic/spa tax (to be paid on spot directly to accommodation)
- Bike rental

### **What is included in Fully guided group tours price**

- Specialized Bike Holidays bicycle tour leader during all biking days
- Pick-up from any Prague hotel on the first day of the tour at an appointed time
- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- Breakfast on all days
- Dinners without drink on specific number of biking days (usually every other day but for more info, please contact your tour coordinator)
- Refreshments in the supporting vehicle (soft drinks, snacks, sweets, fruit)
- Water for bike-flasks
- Welcome briefing on the first day
- Maps of towns of accommodation on the tour (per room)
- Detailed cycling maps (on request)

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- Program and detailed day-by-day description (per room)
- Practical bike ride safety training
- Technical service on the route
- First aid service on the route
- Support vehicle
- All transportation of participants and their luggage and bicycles during the tour

**What is not included in Fully guided group tours price**

- Personal travel and health insurance for participants in the tour
- Transportation (air-tickets) to/from Prague – starting/final point of the tour
- Transfer from Prague airport to your Prague hotel on the day of arrival
- Transfer from hotel to the airport on the departure day
- Other meals than mentioned in "What is included"
- Entrance fees to museums, castles, and chateaux
- Local touristic/spa tax (to be paid on spot directly to accommodation)
- Bike rental

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**Bikes or similar**

**Hybrid Bike**



Hybrid Pell Stratus bike

This bike has everything you need for city traffic or for "hard" trips. Complete equipment including lights and stand, mudguard and chain guard to keep suit trousers away from dirt roads. 28" wheels, aluminum frame.

**Road/ gravel Bike**



Specialized Diverge Sport

With the Diverge Sport, you'll be prepared for anything the road throws at you, from smooth tarmac to the most chewed-up tracks out there. Specialized FACT 9r carbon frame, Shimano 105 11 speed cassette, disc brakes

**E-bike**



Argos City Liner

The CityLiner Easy combines a lightweight but robust aluminum frame in silver brushed aluminum with high-performance components, such as ebike tires Kenda EUROTOUR, anatomic grips from Velo, complete LED lighting, full fork and seatpost suspension and digital cadence sensor with 24 segments.

***This is a Partner Tour***

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