



## **Poland to Hungary- Krakow to Budapest Bike Tour (2025)**

**Individual Self-Guided**

**8 Days / 7 Nights**



This spectacular journey through Central Europe takes us from Poland to Hungary, traversing a landscape steeped in tradition, history and fine wines. Beginning our journey in Krakow we head towards the High Tatras. Traversing the quiet country lanes that follow the course of the Hornad River we then head through the Carpathians, the scenery becoming more tranquil and rolling as we head into the warmer climes around Kosice, Slovakia's second city and a vibrant mix of old and new Europe. Continuing south from here we join the course of the Bodrog River as it meanders through a terrain of vineyards and villages towards the Hungarian border. A disused railway then takes us through the famous wine producing landscapes of the Tokaj-Hegyalja region, en route to the picturesque town of Tokaj.

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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1 (Saturday) Arrival in Krakow**

Arrival in Krakow and first overnight stay at a centrally located hotel. After finding your room there is time to stroll through Krakow for a first impression of its historic city center and famous nightlife.



#### **Day 2 (Sunday) Tatranska Lomnica - Kezmarok 20 km cycling**

Today we cross the border into Slovakia, driving to the town of Tatranska Lomnica, nestling amongst the ragged peaks of the High Tatras Range. Taking lunch in Tatranska Lomnica we then begin cycling, enjoying an exhilarating downhill ride to the historic town of Kezmarok. Colonised by Germans during the 13th century the town stood second only to nearby Levoca in importance and its old town still retains a distinctive medieval feel, dominated by the imposing presence of its 15th century castle.

The town also boasts a superb wooden church, considered by many to be one of the finest in the entire country.

#### **Day 3 (Monday) Kezmarok - Levoca 30 km cycling**

Cycling to the charming old village of Hradisko this morning we have the opportunity to crest the top of nearby Brezova Hill for some spectacular views out across the Tatras. Continuing along the ridgeline we then cycle through a quite breathtaking vista, before enjoying a downhill coast to the historic walled city of Levoca. Abounding with beautiful Renaissance architecture and impressive fortifications, the town presents us with one of the most captivating locations in the entire Spis region. The town's main square is littered with an array of impressive town houses and its Town Hall is amongst the most stunning of this remarkable collection of historic jewels.

#### **Day 4 (Tuesday) Levoca - Krompachy 35 km cycling**

Leaving Levoca behind this morning we cycle through a collection of small villages until we reach the town of Spiska Kapitula, once the religious capital of the region and for some 600 years almost entirely inhabited by clergy. We visit the ruins of the nearby Spissky Hrad or Spis castle, once one of the largest castles in Central Europe and today a UNESCO World heritage Site. From the top of the Gothic Tower there is a spectacular all round view



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of the surrounding landscape. From here we cycle downhill to the village of Zehra then continuing to the old mining town of Krompachy in the Hornad River Valley.

**Day 5 (Wednesday) Krompachy - Kosice 60 km cycling**

Today we journey along the Hornad River Valley, following a network of cycle paths and minor roads, traversing a landscape that takes us through the Carpathians to the town of Kosice. As we cycle through Margecany, the river changes into a substantial reservoir, with high steep banks that are carpeted in wild forest. As we near the end of the day's journey the mountain landscape changes to a more gentle terrain of rolling hills as we enter a warmer climate zone lying amongst the southern boundaries of Eastern Slovakia. Kosice is the country's second largest city, where the old and the new come together in an eclectic fusion of sights and sounds.

**Day 6 (Thursday) Kosice - Satoraljaujhely 70 km cycling**

Passing between the rolling hills of Eastern Slovakia we head first for Slanec Castle this morning, a 13th century Gothic ruin that occupies the hills above the Bodrog River Valley. Passing through a vista of vineyards and villages we cross the Hungarian border. Our final destination - Satoraljaujhely is the most northern town in Hungary.



**Day 7 (Friday) Satoraljaujhely - Tokaj 45 km cycling**

Cycling along the Bodrog and Tisza Valleys today, we follow an abandoned railway line that takes us via the town of Sarospatak. We take time to visit the riverside castle of Rakoczi, an imposing edifice that spans some 500 years of the town's turbulent history. After our visit we continue south, following the flow of the Bodrog River towards the town of Tokaj, lying to the west of the confluence of the Bodrog and the Tisza. This is one of the most celebrated wine producing areas in the country and Tokaj makes up part of the expansive Tokaj-

Hegyalja region that runs through the southern and eastern fringes of the Zemplen Hills.

**Day 8 (Saturday) Tokaj - Budapest (or Krakow)**

At the end of your tour, you can choose between two options: Either train journey to Budapest (several trains, tickets for ca 15 EUR) or transfer by minibus back to Krakow (no extra costs). We can book extra nights in Budapest or Krakow.





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### Route



#### Route Characteristics:

Route Profile: A cycling tour of medium difficulty. Height differences of 100-200 m occur a few times. We follow the Hornád river valley in the Carpathian mountains and then cycle through the flat Tisa valley in Hungary

#### **Dates of tours in 2025:**

TTA-1	26.04 - 03.05	TTA-6	09.08 - 16.08
TTA-2	24.05 - 31.05	TTA-7	23.08 - 30.08
TTA-3	28.06 - 05.07	TTA-8	31.08 - 06.09
TTA-4	12.07 - 19.07	TTA-9	13.09 - 20.09
TTA-5	26.07 - 02.08	TTA-10	27.09 - 04.10

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**Prices:**

1 person sharing twin room EUR 880

1 person in single room EUR 1030

Extra night B&B in Krakow or Budapest (Hotel\*\*\* central location):

1 person sharing twin EUR 56

1 person in single EUR 84

Bicycle rental (per Week): EUR 80

E-bike rental EUR 190

**Included:**

- Transport Krakow-Lomnica and Tokaj-Budapest
- 7 nights accommodation in good rooms with shower / WC,
- Half board (breakfast and dinner)
- Transfer of luggage from hotel to hotel
- Route description and set of detailed maps

**Not Included:**

- Travel to Krakow (and back from Budapest)
- Train ticket Tokaj
- Budapest entry fees
- Private payments such as other meals, drinks and tips.

**Bikes:**

Well maintained hybrid bikes.

- Light aluminium frame
- Comfortable gel-saddle
- Gent's and Ladies' bikes with different frame sizes
- 21 speed derailleur gear
- High quality Schwalbe Land Cruiser - tyres
- You can bring your own pedals and mount
- Bikes for small children and teenagers
- E-bikes (Geobike and Kalkhoff)

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- Bikes are equipped with waterproof bags, map holders, repair kits.

#### Hybrid



#### E bikes



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