



Austria - Czech - Heart of Europe Trail from Salzburg to Prague Bike Tour 2021
Guided or Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



Start your bicycle tour in Salzburg with the panorama of the Alps at your back, cycling through the spectacular Salzkammergut, to the great European city of Linz, and then up into the hills to medieval Cesky Krumlov. From there it's on to Prague, city of a thousand spires. On this trip you will bike through country that epitomizes what most people think of when they hear the word "Europe": small towns watched over by ancient castles, deep green forests and rolling hills, little villages with church steeples dotting the countryside. Enjoy an original Budweiser in Ceske Budejovice, then go with the flow of the Vltava River until you reach magnificent Prague. This features a superb combination of landscapes, chateaux, and three fabulous cities.

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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Salzburg - St. Gilgen 49 km

After breakfast meet our representative who will introduce you to the tour and give you the bike and all information materials. Salzburg, situated on the banks of the Salzach River, is where the composer Mozart was born and raised. On this first day cycle along the Mozart cycling path. This winds its way through beautiful Alpine countryside in the region known as the Salzkammergut, along the Mondsee and Wolfgangsee lakes to St. Gilgen. Overnight in St. Gilgen.



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Day 2: St. Gilgen – Gmunden - Linz 58 km

Today you will cycle to Bad Ischl at the foot of the 1450m high Katrin Mountain. Here you can visit the Imperial Villa, the summer residence of the Austrian Emperor. Continue along the river Traun to Lake Traunsee where you will see the major highlight of the day, Chateau Orth, situated on an island in the middle of the lake. Transfer by train from Gmunden to Linz. Linz is vastly underrated as a city of art, architecture, and culture. Overnight in Linz.

Day 3: Linz – Cesky Krumlov 48 km

Cycle from the Danube River valley up into the hills that form the border of the Czech Republic and Austria. Today is the only challenging biking day because it's all uphill, but if the weather is good you can stop for a rest once in a while and enjoy the ever more spectacular view of the Alps! On the Czech side of the border in Vyssi Brod is one of Central Europe's most venerable monasteries, built in the late 13th century. Transfer by car from Vyssi Brod to Cesky Krumlov. Overnight in Cesky Krumlov.

Day 4: Cesky Krumlov – Ceske Budejovice – Hluboka nad Vltavou 41 km

Magical Cesky Krumlov has an unparalleled medieval town center, and an enormous chateau and tower high overlooking the town. From here cycle to Ceske Budejovice, the home of the original Budweiser beer, where it has been brewed for the past 700 years. Finish by cycling to Hluboka nad Vltavou. The Tudor Gothic chateau in Hluboka nad Vltavou is one of the most beautiful in Bohemia. Overnight in Hluboka nad Vltavou.





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Day 5: Hluboka nad Vltavou – Pisek 52 km

Today you start out by cycling from Hluboka through Tyn nad Vltavou to the historical town of Pisek. The oldest bridge in Bohemia, built in the 13th century (older than Charles Bridge in Prague and likewise lined with statues), crosses the river at Pisek. Overnight in Pisek.



Day 6: Pisek – Pribram 64 km

The highlight of this cycling day is Zvikov Castle. It is known as the “Queen of Bohemian castles” for its majestic appearance, perched on a rocky hill overlooking the confluence of the Otava and Vltava rivers. Next stop is Castle Orlik, on Orlik Reservoir. At Vysoka u Pribrame there is the memorial to Czech composer Antonin Dvorak. Continue on to Pribram, which has a long historical legacy as a mining town. Silver, lead and other metals were mined here from the 12th century onward. Overnight in Pribram.

Day 7: Pribram – Prague 51 km

The bike route from Pribram to Prague first takes you to the town of Horovice and its Baroque chateau, and then to the Gothic castle of Karlstejn atop a wooded hill. This sturdy castle, founded by Czech King and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV, once guarded the Czech crown jewels. Afternoon transfer by car from Karlstejn to Prague. Overnight in Prague.

Day 8 Prague

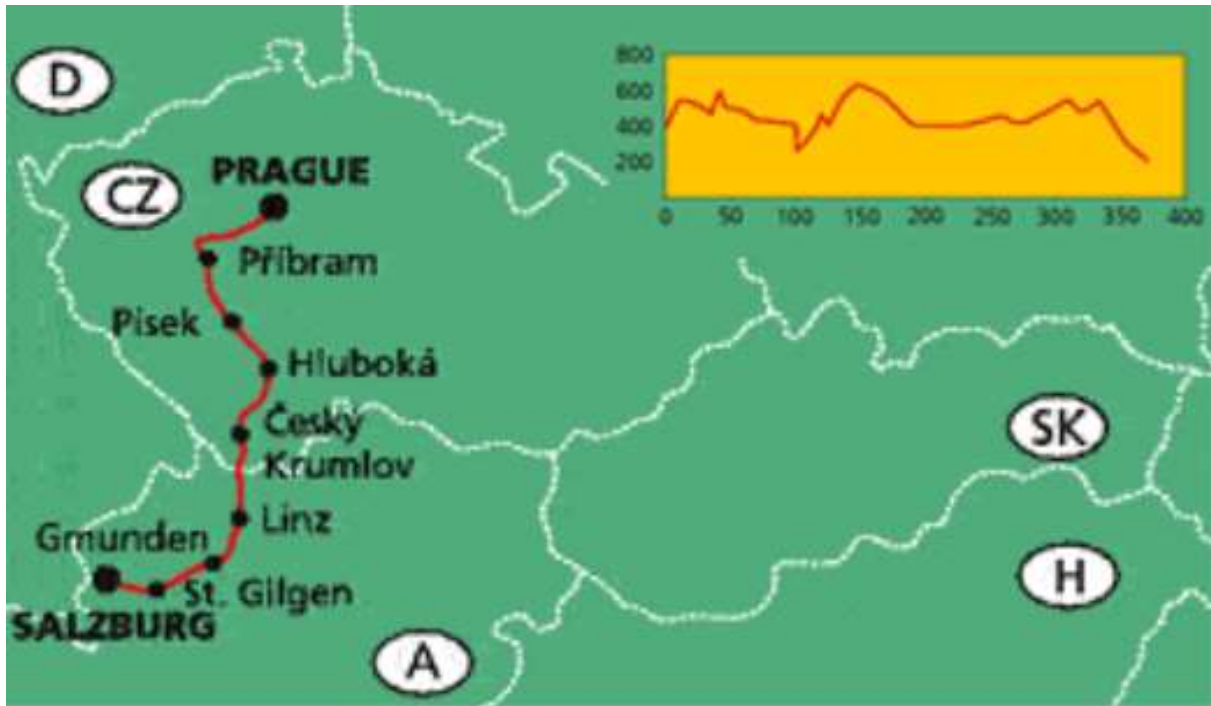
Prague is the “city of a thousand spires”. The Charles Bridge, the Old Town square and Prague Castle, the largest castle complex in Europe, are great places to visit.





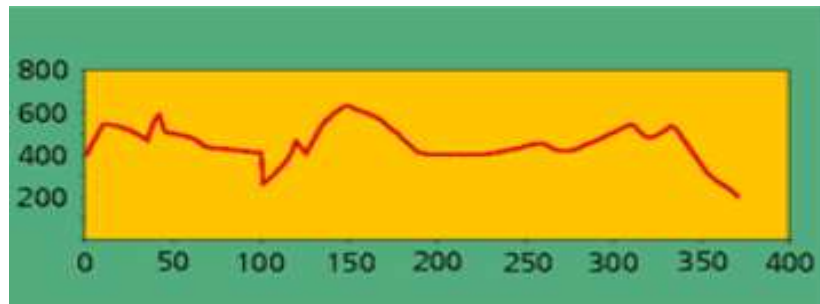
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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Average



Distance: 363 km

Travel Season: Self-Guided Tours: Daily departures April 1 to October 31

Guided Tours: Departures June 28 – July 5

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Price per Person	Guided Tour	Self-Guided Tour
Double Occupancy	€ 2240.00	€ 1490.00
Single Supplement	€350.00	€350.00
Surcharge Solo Traveler	N/A	+15%

Accommodation:

You will stay in smaller, charming hotels and pensions. They are all in a good central location and often in a historical building. 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 equipped with a bath or shower.

Included:

Guided Group Tour:

- Professional bilingual guide
- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- Support van
- Buffet breakfast and dinner included
- Luggage transfer
- English route descriptions
- Detailed cycling maps
- Town maps
- Global Positioning System (GPS) console
- Quality TREK or Scott bike rental
- Guided tours at chateaux, castles, museums and other selected attractions
- Special events, including wine tasting and picnics

Self-Guided Individual Tour:

- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- Buffet breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- English route descriptions
- Detailed cycling maps
- Town maps
- Global Positioning System (GPS) console
- Transportation by car according to the program
- Welcome briefing upon arrival
- Quality TREK or Scott bike rental
- Stand-by support (cell phone and contact person)



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Bikes

TREK FX 3 hybrid bicycle

Trek FX 3 is a lightweight hybrid bike with a carbon fork which brings both speed and comfort to any of our routes you choose. It comes in all sizes to fit you perfectly and it is available also in Women's Specific Design.

Men's sizes: 15, 17.5, 20, 22.5, and 25 inches **Women's sizes:** 15, 17, 20 inches.



SCOTT Sportster 40

Scott Sportster 40 hybrid bike features practicality and comfort. It handles all kinds of terrain. Its frame gives you plenty of stand over clearance when getting on and off your bike.



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