



Czech – Cesky Krumlov to Prague along the Vltava River Bike Tour (2024)
Guided or Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



Nature lovers will enjoy long paved and unpaved sections without traffic through forests as well special paved cycling paths along rivers. Terrain is slightly rolling broken by flat section on river banks. This tour begins in the vicinity of Sumava National Park, located in the south of Bohemia and follows the Vltava River through beautiful, scenic landscapes to Prague, the historic capital of the Czech Republic. Taking a trip following the most important Bohemian river is an excellent choice because it naturally takes you to the places that used to be the centers of cultural life in the country during the Middle Ages. The trip starts in Cesky Krumlov, a UNESCO heritage site. Not only is it a fascinating medieval center, but the cultural life and history of this beautiful well-preserved town is truly unique. Another world-famous stop on your trip will be Ceske Budejovice, which gave its name to Budweiser beer or visit of Hluboka chateau. Other attractions to be visited are Pisek, a town with a remarkable historical center and the oldest stone bridge in the Czech Republic. The royal castle of Zvíkov stands high above the confluence of the rivers Vltava and Otava. Close to Pribram, a town with a long history of silver mining and more recently of uranium mining during the twentieth century stands Saint Mountain with its pilgrimage Church of the Virgin Mary dating from the 16th century. The last but one night you will spend in

OK Cycle & Adventure Tours Inc. - 666 Kirkwood Ave - Suite B102 – Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1Z 5X9
www.okcycletours.com Toll Free 1-888-621-6818 Local 613-702-5350
TICO Ontario Registration No: 50022848

Karlstejn village with its spectacularly-located fourteenth-century Gothic castle. Cycling tour ends by arriving at your hotel in Prague. The route follows small country roads with virtually no traffic and off-road biking trails with firm surfaces.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Prague – Český Krumlov 170 km by car

Transfer Prague to Cesky Krumlov

Guided Group tours start on the scheduled day usually at 9 a.m. Self-Guided tours and non-scheduled group tours can start upon the clients' request on any day from the beginning of April to the end of October. Pick-up from Prague airport or from hotel reception (for earlier arrivals). Welcome briefing, where bikes and all information materials are distributed. Transfer to Cesky Krumlov by shuttle (170 km = 110 miles), the starting point of the tour. Cesky Krumlov is a medieval town registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. After adjusting bicycles and a test ride you will have free time to see the world-renowned medieval and Renaissance town of Cesky Krumlov, with its famous castle gardens and many other notable sites.

Day 2 - Cesky Krumlov - Ceske Budejovice - Hluboka and Vltavou (42-57 km / 25-34 miles by bike, the distance depends on the route)

After a morning tour of Cesky Krumlov Castle, we take the route along the scenic valley of the Vltava River. The first site to visit on the way is the monastery Zlata Koruna (the Golden Crown). We then ride on to Ceske Budejovice (Budweis in German). After lunch with Budweiser beer, we complete a bike tour of Ceske Budejovice and continue to the day's objective - Hluboka nad Vltavou. Hluboka Chateau is well worth visiting, and you can also take a pleasant stroll in the elegant park when you arrive in Hluboka or on the following day.



Day 3 - Hluboka nad Vltavou – Pisek (53 km / 32 miles by bicycle)

We will use a special cycling path through scenic Vltava river's bank to leave Hluboká. We will see a nuclear power plant or Orlik castle located above the dam of the same name on our way to Písek. Písek is a picturesque town on the Otava River. The main attraction of Písek is a 13th century stone bridge, the oldest in the country.



**OK CYCLE &
ADVENTURE
TOURS** SINCE 1995

Day 4 - Pisek – Pribram (58-68-72 km / 35-41-43 miles by bicycle, the distance depends on the route)
This route will take us through beautiful landscapes with many picturesque villages to Pribram. This is the longest distance of the whole tour. We will pass by Orlik castle, where you can take a tour of the castle to see its splendidly decorated rooms. The second remarkable thing to see is the bridge at Zdakov, which was at the time of its building the world's longest single-span bridge.

At the end of the day's ride, you will arrive in Pribram. The town has been an important mining center since the Middle Ages. However, the more recent history of the town is rather chilling. Many political prisoners were forced to work at the Pribram uranium mines during the Communist regime. There is a noteworthy museum of mining. The town also offers a welcoming place to relax - a swimming pool and aqua park.



Day 5 - Pribram - Zebrak (Zbiroh - premium option) (37 km / 22 miles by bicycle)

You can visit a 14th - 17th-century pilgrimage church with a monastery, Svata Hora (Holy Mountain), in the morning. We will then continue the ride through this picturesque region. We will cycle through an extensive former military area in the beautiful forested hills of Brdy. You will cycle "in the middle of nowhere" on 9 meter-wide paved roads used by the army in the past. Shortly after Horovice you will arrive in a little town of Zebrak. Zebrak means "beggar", The route to the Zbiroh chateau (premium option) is slightly different but with the same distance. Hotel Zbiroh is at the chateau. We recommend relaxing at the wellness center.



Day 6 - Zebrak (Zbiroh) – Karlstejn (42 km or 48 km / 24 or 30 miles by bicycle)

We will cycle from Zebrak to the impressive 14th-century ruins of Tocnik Castle. The ruins are on the top of a little hill called Zamecka Hora (Chateau Hill) (402 m.) The middle part of the day leads through forested rolling hills. Shortly afterward, we will arrive at Beroun. This is a medieval town in the heart of the Karst district with romantic valleys, caves, pits and localities where pre-historic fossils can still be found. The remaining part of the day follows the Berounka river through the

romantic valley all the way to Karlstejn village. The premium option starts in Zbiroh and joins the standard route in 11 km at Tocnik Castle

OK Cycle & Adventure Tours Inc. - 666 Kirkwood Ave - Suite B102 – Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1Z 5X9

www.okcycletours.com Toll Free 1-888-621-6818 Local 613-702-5350

TICO Ontario Registration No: 50022848



Day 7 - Karlstejn – Prague (40 km / 28 miles by bicycle)

The last section of the trip is a sweet reward which you surely deserve after having cycled for six days. The route is very easy as it leads along both banks of the Berounka River and later along the Vltava river bank. You can easily reach your Prague hotel by bicycle. Prague is surely one of the most beautiful and romantic cities in Europe. There are innumerable cultural events, cafés, pubs and restaurants and a vivid nightlife waiting for you! This is the perfect end to a splendid holiday!

Day 8 - Prague

Breakfast, transfer to the Prague airport to catch your plane, unless you decide to prolong your holiday in the Czech Republic.



OK Cycle & Adventure Tours Inc. - 666 Kirkwood Ave - Suite B102 – Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1Z 5X9

www.okcycletours.com Toll Free 1-888-621-6818 Local 613-702-5350

TICO Ontario Registration No: 50022848



**OK CYCLE &
ADVENTURE
TOURS** SINCE 1995

Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Moderate. Nature lovers will enjoy long paved and unpaved sections without traffic through forests as well special paved cycling paths along rivers. Terrain is slightly rolling broken by flat section on river banks. The route follows small country roads with virtually no traffic and off-road biking trails with firm surfaces.

Distance: 270 - 310 km

Travel Season: **Self-Guided Tours:** Departures daily from April 1 to October 31
Guided Tours: Departures June 9 and September 8

OK Cycle & Adventure Tours Inc. - 666 Kirkwood Ave - Suite B102 – Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1Z 5X9
www.okcycletours.com Toll Free 1-888-621-6818 Local 613-702-5350
TICO Ontario Registration No: 50022848



**OK CYCLE &
ADVENTURE
TOURS** SINCE 1995

Price per Person	Guided Tour	Self-Guided Tour
Double Occupancy Standard Hotels	€ 1290	€ 890
Supplement Single Occupancy Standard Hotels	€195	€190
Double Occupancy Premium Hotels	N/A	€ 1090
Supplement Single Occupancy Premium Hotels	N/A	€ 280
Bike rental	€ 90	€ 90
E-Bike Rental	€ 200	€ 200
Road Bike Rental	€150	€150
Extra Nights Prague	On request	

Guided Group Tour includes:

- Pick-up from hotel in Prague on the first day of the tour at an appointed time
- 7x accommodation standard hotels and B&B
- 7x Buffet breakfast
- 3x Dinners
- Specialized bicycle tour leader
- Support minibus
- Refreshments in the supporting vehicle
- Water for bike flasks
- Maps of towns of accommodation on the tour(per room)
- Detailed cycling maps (per room)
- Program and Route Book (per room)
- Transfer to starting point
- Transfer from ending point to the last hotel
- Luggage transfers between hotels

Guided Group Tour does not include:

- Personal travel and health insurance for participants in the tour
- Transportation (air-tickets) to/from Prague – starting/final point of the tour
- Airport transfers
- Lunches and 4 dinners
- Guided tours of castles, chateaux, breweries and museums on the route
- Local taxes

Self-Guided Individual Tour includes:

- Pick-up from any hotel in Prague on the first day of the tour
- 7x night in chosen category Standard or Premium
- 7x Buffet breakfast
- GPX data and offline maps for smart phones
- Maps of towns of accommodation on the tour (1 per room)
- Detailed cycling maps (per room)
- Program and Route Book (per room)
- Transfer to starting point
- Transfer from ending point to the last hotel
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- 24/7 service hotline

Self-Guided Individual Tour does not include:

- Personal travel and health insurance for participants in the tour
- Transportation (air tickets) to/from starting/final point of the tour
- Airport transfers
- Meals (except for breakfasts)
- Entrance fees to museums, castles and chateaux
- Local taxes



**OK CYCLE &
ADVENTURE
TOURS** SINCE 1995

Bikes

Crossing Trekker Mens' Fox Point 211



Crossing Trekker Ladies' Fox Sumava



E-Bike



Bicycle Rental includes:

- Trekking/Touring or Cross road bicycle with at least 24 – gears, Shimano components and suspended fork
- Panniers and handle bar bags for carrying things you need on the road
- Lock
- For self-guided tours we provide bikes with a spare tube, pump and necessary tools so rider is able to change tire tube if needed.
- We adapt the bike to suit your body
- You are welcome to bring your own SPD pedals and saddle

Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.

www.okcycletours.com



THIS IS A PARTNER TOUR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

OK Cycle & Adventure Tours Inc. - 666 Kirkwood Ave - Suite B102 – Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1Z 5X9

www.okcycletours.com Toll Free 1-888-621-6818 Local 613-702-5350

TICO Ontario Registration No: 50022848