



Czech – Austria - Slovakia - Hungary – Prague to Budapest Bicycle Tour (2024)
Guided or Individual Self-guided
15 Days/ 14 Nights or 12 Days/11 Nights



Prague, Czech Republic; Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; and Budapest Hungary -only the beginning of highlights from the riches of this tour! This trans-Central European voyage will show you the cultural and natural diversity of these countries united by the former Habsburg Empire. The first part of your tour partly follows the popular Greenways trail; from Vienna to Budapest you follow the Eurovelo 6, the Danube cycle path.



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 0: Arrival to Prague

This day is yours to explore the "Paris of the Central Europe. If time is not your worst enemy, we do propose you stay in Prague more days to fully explore its beauty and hidden corners. Feel free to ask us about more nights or other attractions! Hotel for this night is not included



Day 1: Prague - Tabor 61 km + 740 m

Our first biking day starts easily on bike trails bordering the relaxed Vltava River. After 20 km on flat ground we do leave the river valley and climb to the romantic Posázaví highlands. Every climb will reward you with peaceful views of the surrounding countryside. At Zbořený Kostelec you can take short hike to a hidden castle ruin. From here we will continue to nearby Týnec nad Sázavou, home to the former Jawa factory and the nest of Czech motorbike culture. We will end today's bike stage by visiting Konopiste Castle, the summer palace of Archduke Franz Ferdinand D'Este. The assassination of this would-be emperor in Sarajevo in 1914 caused World War I. You will take a train (car on fully guided tours) to the former Hussite stronghold, Tábor. An evening stroll through this wonderful medieval town will be one of the highlights of the whole tour!

Day 2: Tabor - Jindrichuv Hradec 52 km + 670 m

In the morning we recommend a short walk on the ramparts of Tábor, where you can admire its genius loci. The careful incorporation of the landscape and countryside during its construction resulted in several successful repulsions of sieges during the Religious Wars. Riding our bikes, we will enter South Bohemia. Among the green, calm scenery rests the romantic water castle of Červená Lhota, and the third largest castle complex in the Czech Republic - the town of Jindrichuv Hradec a small active city of architectural splendor. Today, it is hard to believe it housed the hustle and bustle of the largest medieval centers in Bohemia! Based on a legend, it might even be possible to meet Perchta of Rozmberk – the famous "White Lady" ghost!



Day 3: Jindrichuv Hradec - Telc 45 km + 690 m or 840 m

We leave the South Bohemia and enter the Bohemian - Moravian highlands area. Today's highlight will be a visit of the Renaissance town of Telč, which is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Telč is considered to be the most beautiful Renaissance town in Czech Republic! A wooded, hilly, and beautiful 45 km will lead us there, passing by a plethora of ponds and lakes - try to count them all, or just relax amid this peaceful scenery. With any luck we will pass an antique steam engine as it chugs along these highlands.



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Day 4: Telc - Vranov nad Dyji 67 km + 870 m

Do you take sugar in your coffee or tea? If so, you will be happy to visit Dačice where the first sugar cube was produced. We meander our way there using quiet roads known to only a few cyclists (and less cars) that takes us through undiscovered highlands and peaceful villages near to the Austrian border. On the border road we can see a well-preserved system of fortifications from the beginning of WW II. These fortifications have never been used, and therefore, are well-preserved for today's tourists. Riding along, the route will pass by the Renaissance castle of Pisečna and medieval castle of Frejstejn.



Before we reach our destination, we will take a detour to the scenic Vranov water dam to reward ourselves with amazing views of Bítov castle. Should you wish, please enjoy the views from one of the biggest castle ruins in Moravia – Cornštejn. The final destination of today's stage is the town of Vranov nad Dyji, nestled on the edge of the Podyji National Park. **Easy option:** You can take a morning train transfer to Slavonice to bike just along the Austrian border.

Day 5: Vranov nad Dyji – Znojmo 46 km (shortest 18 km) + 675 m

This day explores Podyji National Park, enchanting everyone with its untouched beauty. From the ruins of Novy Hradek, as well as from the viewpoint over the majestic medieval castle of Hardegg, we will be able to see where the Dyje River finds its way through the countryside creating unforgettable meanders. A memorial of the Iron Curtain, located in Čížov, is a quiet eyewitness of somber, relatively recent, times. While descending to the Dyje River through Šobes vineyard, why not pause for a glass of white wine? This place was marked as one of the 10 best vineyards in the world! Our next stop will be the town of Šatov, where we will have the possibility to visit a uniquely preserved Cold War fortification, a curiously painted wine cave, cozy wine cellar streets, and an educational path leading through vineyards of old wine varieties. We will conclude the day in the seat town of the Moravian Premyslid Dynasty – in the town of Znojmo.



Day 6: Znojmo - Mikulov (Lednice/Valtice cultural landscape) 18 km (shortest) - 68 km + 295 m

In the morning we will leave the town along the river and then continue through fields and vineyards to the Austrian border. The border line will then take us east with a stop in the town of Jaroslavice and its Renaissance chateau. Crossing the border into Austria, we'll visit the picturesque wine growing area of Galgenberg. From here we follow a nice new bike trail meandering through the peaceful countryside to Mikulov. This hidden gem will capture your attention with its Baroque Castle and wine museum, an historic synagogue and a local curiosity – a gigantic wine cask big enough for a chamber orchestra.

TIP: Culture and wine lovers can take a morning train transfer to Břeclav and spend whole day biking in unique Lednice - Valtice UNESCO area!



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Day 7: Mikulov - Vienna 55 km + 350 m

The last half day of the tour in Czech Republic will follow iron curtain trail framed with story boards of those who tried to escape from communistic Eastern Block. After crossing the border we will bike through the Herrnbaumgarten Village, famous for its poetic museum of nonsense, to the wine museum in Poysdorf, where you will have a chance to complete your Central European wine "training"! Then we will pass through Wilfersdorf with its chateau which had been the main residence of the Prince of Lichtenstein between 17th and 18th century. We will end our day in Mistelbach with transfer by train/car to Vienna.



Day 8: Vienna – Bratislava 71 km (flat) + 150 m

How many times have you managed to bike from one capital to another in just one day? On this day you can! Following the mighty Danube River you can visit numerous chateaux and retreats of the Viennese nobility. Explore the excavations of the biggest Roman settlement in Carnutum or a dominant castle ruin in Hainburg just before entering the capital of Slovakia - Bratislava! Those tired of biking can have a rest day and take a shortcut by speed boat or train saving time to explore these unique cities!

Day 9: Bratislava – Győr 77 km (flat) + 160 m

Today is another border crossing day. We start in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, biking on the right bank of the Danube on a new bike trail. First

stop right on the edge of the town is the mighty Čunovo dam. Soon we cross the border to Hungary and continue to the town of Mosonygyóvár. Leaving this nice little town with a long, long name, we continue to the historical town of Győr. This lovely mostly Renaissance university town will serve as our first lodgings in Hungary.

Day 10: Komárno/Komárom - Esztergom 48 km + 62 m

Today we again explore Slovakia on a flat bike trail nearby to the Danube. Leaving Komárno along the fortress we hit the newly built bike trail with some stunning views of the hills and vineyards on both sides of the river Danube. Our first stop will be the remnants of a Roman fortress near Iža illustrating how old some of the local settlements really are. The Danube guides us again, offering us some nice spots for a swim as we slowly approach the border. Crossing the Maria-Valeria Bridge between Štúrovo and Esztergom we return to Hungary. The town of Esztergom will serve as our day's lodgings. Take your time to admire the old town dominated by the archbishop's castle and residency, as Esztergom is considered the cradle of Hungarian kingdom and the stronghold of Christianity, also nicknamed Hungarian Rome.

TIP it is possible to choose sporty option over the Tata highlands.



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Day 11: Esztergom – Budapest 77 km (flat) + 36 m

The last day of our journey through four countries will continue along the Danube River. We will explore one of the most scenic parts called Danube knee, where mighty river enters steep hills, creating stunning meanders! First stop will be the dominating Visegrád castle nesting on a hill above a small town. Following the Danube on a peaceful bike trail we arrive in the small historical town of Vác. There we take a ferry to cross to the right bank of the river. Zigzagging through small towns on its banks we finally get near to Budapest - the lively Hungarian capital. To get to the city center we bike past countless little bars and restaurants on the suburban banks enjoying the buzz and fun. We finish our journey right in the city center, admiring the views of the imperial buildings of Budapest! Rest your legs at your centrally located hotel before hitting the town for an exotic evening in the multi-faceted city. **TIP** to shorten the biking distance, from Vác you can spend the last part of your tour on a deck of sightseeing boat!

Day 12: Budapest

Last day is yours to explore medieval Buda part or 19th century Pest part of a town or simply relax in one of the great spas! Same as in Prague and Vienna we highly recommend to prolong your stay!



15 day/ 14 night tour (no guided option available):

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Day 1: Prague - Konopiste - (Tabor) 61 km / 38 miles

Day 2: Konopiště / Benešov – Tábor 65 km

Day 3: Tabor - Jindrichuv Hradec 52 km

Day 4: Jindrichuv Hradec – Telc 45 km

Day 5: Telc - Vranov nad Dyji 67 km

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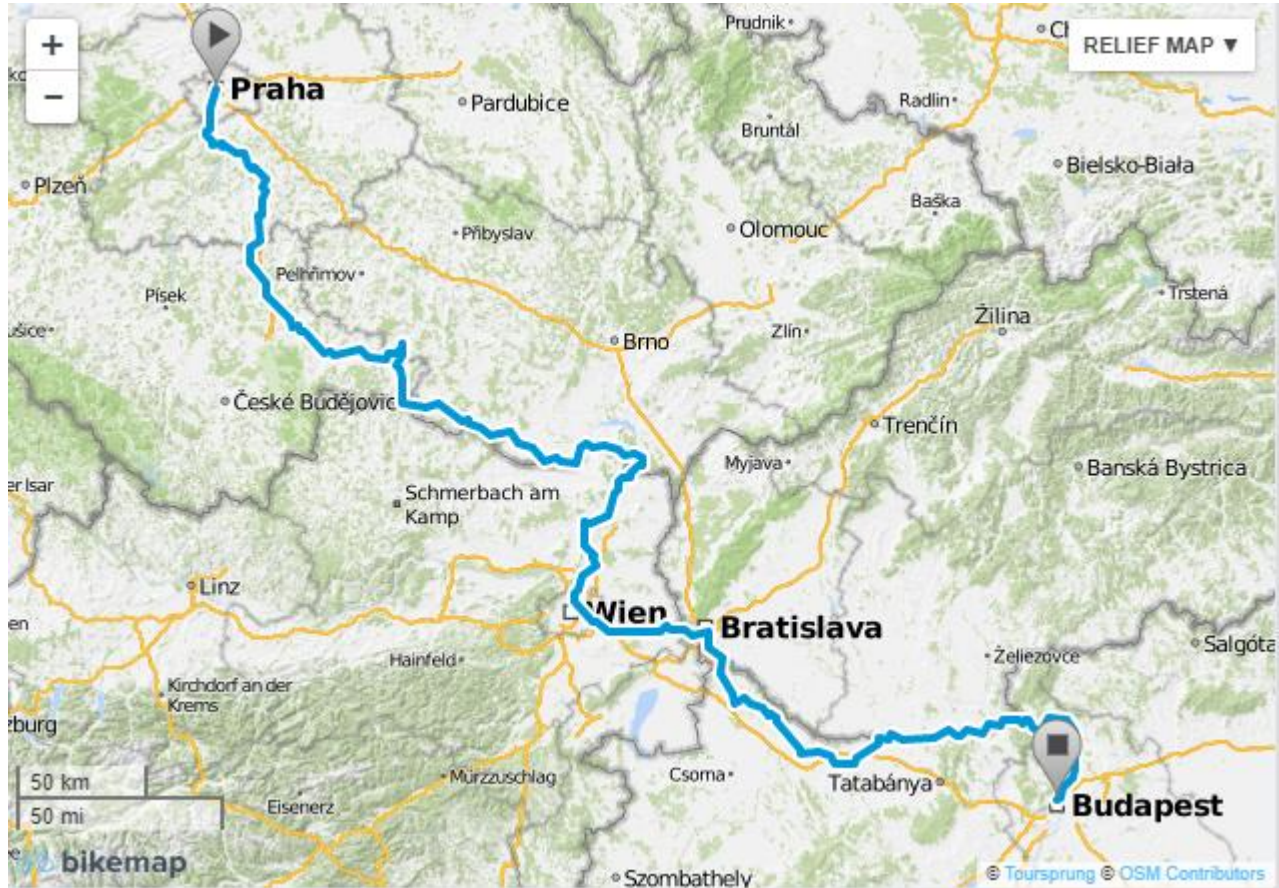
Day 14: Esztergom – Budapest 77 km

Day 15: Departure Budapest



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Average. 90% asphalt on either small roads or designated cycle tracks. The rest is on gravel or dirt trails perfectly suitable for all bikes we offer.

Distance: 680 km

Travel Season: Self-Guided Tours: Daily departures May 1 to October 15

Guided Tours (12 day tour only): Departures June 23 and September 15

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Prices are for 12 day/11 night version of tour note that first night accomodation in Prague is not included

Price per Person *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

	12 day	15 day
Double Occupancy	€1275	€ 1535
Double Occupancy Guided	€1785	N/A
Single Supplement	€310	€435
Premium Accommodation Surcharge Double Occupancy	€ 385	€ 410
Premium Accommodation Single Surcharge	€ 330	€ 395
Half Board Surcharge	€ 290	€ 380
Premium Half Board Surcharge	€ 360	€ 470
Solo Rider Surcharge	€210	€275
Hybrid Bike Rental	€ 190	€ 250
Gravel Bike Rental	€ 250	€ 325
E-Bike Rental	€ 325	€ 400
Night Prague Double Occupancy	On request	
Extra Night Budapest/ Vienna	On request	

Included:

Self-Guided:

- Individual pre-tour meeting at appointed time at client hotel on the first day of the tour
- 11 nights 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 time tables (for tours where train transfer is part of a tour schedule)
- Transportation of luggage between hotels between 9 am and 4 pm
- Practical bike ride and safety information
- 24 hour hotline assistance service



Guided:

- Specialized 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 drinks on some biking days except the last one (some tours may have dinners also on last day – for more info, please check price list)
- 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)
- 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

Not Included:

Self-Guided:

- 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 municipality/spa/tourist tax (to be paid on spot directly to the hotel)

Guided:

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- 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 municipality/spa/tourist tax (to be paid on spot directly to the hotel)



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