

## Bicycle Tours in Czech Republic: Cycling the Czech Republic - Vienna to Prague

### OVERVIEW

Discover the wonders and hidden history of Southern Bohemia and Moravia on this tour through the Czech Republic. We pedal past Riesling and Chardonnay vineyards, through forbidden forests along the Austrian/Czech border and into late Renaissance towns unchanged since the 17th century. You'll bicycle through one of the most popular bicycle destinations in Central Europe as we explore the "greenways" and rural roads of this fascinating region. Our cycling ends in Telč but we've included a shuttle to Prague.

\*\*\*If this sounds great but you'd like a longer tour, check out our [Cycling the Czech Republic Plus! Český Krumlov tour](#), which extends this itinerary by 4 days.\*\*\*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hluboka Castle
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Valtice, and Lednice
- Czech Greenways
- Wine tasting
- Renaissance towns of Mikulov, Telč
- Guided visit of Mikulov Castle

### TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Style</b>	■ Classic: Learn more about our Classic tours at <a href="https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/classic">https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/classic</a>
<b>Includes</b>	7 days, 6 nights accommodation; 4 dinners with wine or beer, 6 breakfasts; 1 wine tasting; guided castle visit; guided city walk; Day 1 shuttle from Vienna to the tour start, shuttle to Prague
<b>Countries</b>	Czech Republic
<b>Begin/End</b>	Mikulov (shuttle from Vienna) / Telč (with shuttle to Prague)
<b>Arrive/Depart</b>	Vienna Int'l Airport (VIE) / Prague Ruzyně Int'l Airport (PRG)
<b>Total Distance</b>	249-255 km (154-157 miles)
<b>Avg. Daily Distance</b>	32-77km (20-48 miles) per riding day
<b>Tour Level</b>	▶▶▶▶▶

**Please Note:** We may have small itinerary changes to this trip after you download this PDF document. If you have booked this trip and there are major changes, including changes to towns or activities, we'll email you directly. However, you should always be sure to refer to the ■ [online itinerary](#) for the most up-to-date trip information including arrival and departure tips before you depart for your trip:

<https://www.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/czech-republic/czech-republic-cycling>

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**DATES & PRICES**

**DAILY RIDE SUMMARY**

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
2	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
3	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
4	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
5	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
6	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
7	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			

**Bicycle Tours in Czech Republic: Cycling the Czech Republic - Vienna to Prague****Shuttle from Vienna to Mikulov, southern Moravia, the Czech Republic****DAY 1**

**Highlights** Fit bicycles, test ride through Riesling vineyards

**Meals** Dinner

We'll meet at noon in Vienna today and shuttle to our starting town of Mikulov, historically one of the most important frontier towns in Southern Moravia. Its central castle has helped guard the border with Austria since the 13th century. We'll fit bicycles and encourage a short test ride into the surrounding vineyard clad hills -- this region is famous for its different Riesling varieties as well as other white wine grapes such as Ruland White and Chardonnay. A welcome drink will start off our evening before dinner together. Distance: Test Ride. Meals: D Lodging: Hotel Templ

**Pedal the vine-clad hills of Moravia to Valtice and Lednice****DAY 2**

**Highlights** UNESCO world heritage sites of Valtice and Lednice, the 17th century manor and gardens of Lednice, Baroque castle of Valtice

**Meals** Breakfast

We take a loop ride today through vineyards into the wine growing region to the north and east to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Valtice and Lednice, each home to impressive manors (or castles, depending on your point of view!) Both residences were created by the Dukes of Liechtenstein, Valtice as the seat of their power, Lednice as their summer residence. After a guided tour of the Lednice palace, enjoy a tasting of local wines. Distance: Approximately 45 km (28 miles). Meals: B Lodging: Hotel Vivaldi

**Ride from Mikulov to Znojmo****DAY 3**

**Highlights** Rolling hills and vineyards, medieval Znojmo

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

We pedal to Znojmo today, through the gently rolling hills of Moravia. You'll be impressed by the "bike culture" they've created in this area - cyclists come from all over Central Europe to pedal the vineyards and see the historic sites. After settling into our centrally located hotel, enjoy a leisurely stroll through town, which the impressive Gothic Town Hall Tower and Church of Saint Nicholas dominate. Distance: Approximately 55 km (34 miles). Meals: B, D Lodging: Hotel Lahofer

**Bicycle Tours in Czech Republic: Cycling the Czech Republic - Vienna to Prague****Pedal to Vranov nad Dyji****DAY 4**

**Highlights** 17th Century castle of Vranov, Iron Curtain

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

We'll enjoy a guided walk of Znojmo this morning before we pedal on to Vranov on the Dyji River. We suggest visiting the Castle in Vranov (considered by some as the best castle visit of the entire tour!) before checking into our hotel as the castle closes at 5 pm. The present castle dates to the 17th century but is located on a site that has housed castles since 1200. We'll suggest an optional, short ride today to visit a part of the Iron Curtain that has been preserved for posterity. Distance: 32-38 km (20-24 miles). Meals: B, D Lodging: Hotel Zamecky

**Bicycle Vranov nad Dyji to Telč****DAY 5**

**Highlights** Renaissance Slavonice, town of Telč

**Meals** Breakfast

Our ride today takes us out of the lowland vineyards of southern Moravia and away from the Austrian borderlands. We cross the wheat fields and forests of the Bohemian-Moravian highlands, an ancient plateau incised by rivers creating excellent sites for fortified towns and villages. Telč (say "telch") is one of the best preserved of these fortress towns. Heavily influenced by architectural styles from Italy, the late 16th century town square is a wonder of town planning with multi-colored building facades. We spend two nights in Telč. Distance: 77 km (48 miles). Meals: B Lodging: Hotel U Hrabanky

**Loop ride from Telč or rest day****DAY 6**

**Highlights** Renaissance Telč (UNESCO World Heritage Site)and Medieval Trest

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

There are plenty of things to see and do in Telč today but we've planned on a loop ride to the north through beautiful areas of forest for those who need a little exercise. The highlands get higher here. Otherwise, you can enjoy lounging in the sidewalk cafes on the square of this perfect gem of 16th century town planning. This afternoon we've arranged for a fascinating guided tour of the town and its castle. Distance: 40 km (25 miles; actually, you can make this ride as long as you'd like!). Meals: B, D Lodging: Hotel U Hrabanky

**Bicycle Tours in Czech Republic: Cycling the Czech Republic - Vienna to Prague****Shuttle to Prague****DAY 7****Highlights** Prague**Meals** Breakfast

Our tour ends today. We'll offer a shuttle to Prague, arriving early afternoon, for those who wish. Meals: B \*\*\*If this sounds great but you'd like a longer tour, check out our Cycling the Czech Republic Plus! Český Krumlov tour, which extends this itinerary by 4 days.\*\*\*

**INCLUDED**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

When you book a tour with ExperiencePlus! our goal is to ensure your only focus each day is to hop on your bike and explore scenic cycling routes in new destinations. Inclusions may differ depending on which tour style you pick but all ExperiencePlus! tours include what we believe are the most important aspects of a bike tour.

- On all our guided tours, you can expect superb tour leaders who are fun and multilingual, bi-cultural experts, and cycling enthusiasts. They will support you and help you navigate confidently on and off the road.
- High quality bikes selected for the terrain you are cycling on and correct bike fitting to ensure comfortable cycling.
- Thoughtfully designed itineraries and routes that take advantage of stunning cycling destinations and the freedom of bicycle travel. Plus, all the logistics are taken care of.

**PRE-TRIP SUPPORT**

- Bicycle training programs designed specifically for your tour and fitness level.
- Planning tips on what to pack, hotel recommendations and other helpful details from our Travel Planning Pages: <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/>
- A gift of your choice (cycling jerseys, socks, or a t-shirt) as our way of saying thanks for choosing EP!
- \*Traveler services including assistance booking extra nights at the tour starting and ending hotels. (\*Explorer and Self-guided tour styles excluded)
- See "What's Included" for tour-specific inclusions and be sure to check the "Keep in mind" section under "Tour Summary" online.

**BICYCLES**

For a full list of what's included with your bike see: <https://www.experienceplus.com/what-to-expect/our-bikes/>. If you would like to bring your own pedals and shoes we recommend doing so. On Explorer and Self-guided tours we include a GPS device on all bikes.

**NAVIGATING, DAYSHEETS AND VAN SUPPORT:**

On a guided tour, each day you'll receive a daily briefing with a highlighted route map. On a self-guided tour you'll receive a comprehensive orientation and bike fit on the first or second morning of your trip. About 14 days prior to your tour, we will provide you with access to

RideWithGPS Experiences, our platform to distribute information on each tour day's activities, meals and ride, as well as GPS-routes.

Daily information on the RWGPS Experience includes important phone numbers, hotel information and interesting historical and cultural information. On Classic, Bike and Boat and Expedition tours we also navigate using our signature chalk dust arrows. Our arrows make navigating very easy—you may never need to look at the map. On Explorer tours the terrain and destinations are not always conducive to using chalk arrows so we'll ride as a group or you can navigate on your own with the GPS tracks.

On a guided tour you will have a support van providing water and snack resupply, mechanical assistance, a lift for tired cyclists, and luggage transfers. On some itineraries the van will not be able to follow sections of the route that stray from the road for example onto cycling paths. On a self-guided tour you will have luggage transfers that will transport your bags from one hotel to the other.

**Need More Miles?** On many days it is possible to add miles to the day, just talk to your tour leader about your options or ask when you are planning your self-guided trip.

**Need Fewer Miles?** On a guided tour, the support van is available to offer snacks, encouragement, a lift over the next hill, or to the next hotel. On a self-guided tour we recommend you review the tour level to make sure you can ride the full distance.

**ON A GUIDED TOUR: TIPPING YOUR TOUR LEADERS**

If you feel your tour leader team has demonstrated great expertise and service, common practice within the travel industry is to tip. Tipping is voluntary and greatly appreciated, and gratuity amounts vary widely. Should you decide to leave a tip, as a guideline, we suggest 5-8% of the tour cost per traveler — this is for the entire tour leader team, not each tour leader. You can give the tip to any member of the tour leader team, as they share it evenly. In order to avoid social tensions, we encourage you to tip as individuals and not as a group. If you feel your tour leaders did not quite meet your expectations, please let us know. \*Tips are included in Expedition pricing and not expected on self-guided tours.

**PHOTOS:**

By reserving space on tour, you agree that ExperiencePlus! may use, re-use and reproduce any images, photos or videos sent to us, or that are taken by our guides or other travelers, in any medium, including but not limited to print, electronic media, or Internet, free of charge and without your right to inspection. If you do not want us to use any images of you, you must inform us or your tour leader in writing at the start of the tour.

## STYLES

### OUR TOUR STYLES

We realize that one size does not fit all and there are as many ways to travel by bike as there are different types of cyclists and travelers.

**Classic Tours:** Dream of traveling through a region by bike? Our unique chalk arrows lead the way as you explore small villages and world-class cities while traveling at your own pace.

- Tour Length: 7-15 days
- Hotels: 3-4 stars.
- Road Type: Pavement, bike paths.
- Multi-night Stays: Occasionally
- Navigation and support: 2-3 tour leaders, van support and chalk arrows
- Price: \$\$\$
- Tour Levels: 1-4.5

**Explorer Tours:** Travel further off the beaten path - we let the destination dictate where we ride, not the road surface.

- Tour Length: 7-8 days
- Hotels: 2-3 stars
- Road Type: 30-50% gravel or hard-packed dirt, the rest pavement.
- Multi-night Stays: Occasionally
- Navigation and support: 2 tour leaders, GPS and van support
- Price: \$\$
- Tour Levels: 1-4

**Bike and Boat Tours:** Spend days cycling and your evenings relaxing on a private boat as you cruise to your next port.

- Tour Length: 7-8 days, some itineraries have land-based extensions available.
- Barge/Boat: 3-4 star, same cabin for the entire boat trip except for land extension.
- Road Type: Pavement
- Navigation and support: 2 tour leaders, van Support and chalk arrows
- Price: \$\$\$
- Tour Levels: 1-4

**Expedition Tours:** Multi-week tours where you spend long days on the bike with the added satisfaction of pedaling across multiple countries.

- Tour Length: 15-40 days
- Hotels: 2-4 stars
- Road Type: Pavement with occasional hard-packed dirt or gravel.
- Multi-night Stays: On rest days
- Navigation and support: 2-3 tour leaders, van Support and chalk arrows
- Price: \$\$\$
- Tour Levels: 4-5

**Self-guided Tours:** perfect for those who have an independent spirit, want the flexibility to choose their own dates, and don't need van support or tour leaders during their trip. Every departure is a private tour!

- Tour Length: 6-8-days
- Hotels: 3-4 stars
- Road Type: Pavement with occasional hard-packed dirt or gravel on bike paths.
- Multi-night Stays: Occasionally
- Navigation and support: GPS routes and luggage transfers
- Price: \$
- Tour Levels: 1-4

**LEVELS**

We know that travelers have different cycling abilities and preferences for the number of miles, elevation gain, and type of terrain they want on a bicycle tour. We have rated each day of our tours on a scale of 1-5. Our Tour Level's are an average of the day rating on tour. We recommend looking at the daily summary on the PDF and Website Itinerary to see details about each day's ride.

**LEVEL 1 - 1.5**

Level 1 - 1.5 days will be mostly flat and the distance will rarely exceed 50 km. Level 1 - 1.5 tours are suitable for beginner cyclists, those traveling by bicycle for the first time, or multi-generational groups with a desire for a nice and easy bike tour with plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy the scenery.

- **Average daily mileage:** 20 - 50 km. (12-30 miles) Be sure to check the day by day itinerary description for the tour you are considering for specific mileages.
- **Gain:** 0-400 M (0-1200 ft)
- **Terrain:** Mostly flat with occasional gentle climbs at a grade of less than 3%, that are sustained for a maximum of 3km. There might be a steeper but short climb.

**LEVEL 2 - 2.5**

Level 2 - 2.5 days are ideal for riders newer to bicycle touring looking for a bit of a challenge.

- **Average daily mileage:** 30-60 km (18 - 38 miles). Be sure to check the day by day itinerary description for the tour you are considering for specific mileages.
- **Gain:** 400 - 600 m (1200 - 2000 ft)
- **Terrain:** Mostly rolling terrain around 3%. Presents multiple 3% to 4% climbs. May present an occasional steeper climb.

**LEVEL 3 - 3.5**

Level 3 - 3.5 days are great for active individuals (who run, bike, swim etc. on a regular basis).

- **Average daily mileage:** 50-70km (30-45 miles). Be sure to check the day by day itinerary description for the tour you are considering for specific mileages.
- **Gain:** 600 - 900m (2000 - 2800 ft)
- **Terrain:** Multiple Climbs with grades of 4 - 6%.

**LEVEL 4 - 4.5**

Level 4 - 4.5 days are the best riding days for avid cyclists or very active individuals who are excited to challenge themselves on a bike.

- **Average daily mileage:** 70-90km (45-55 miles) Be sure to check the day by day itinerary description for the tour you are considering for specific mileages.
- **Gain:** 900-1000m (2800-3600 ft)
- **Terrain:** Presents multiple steep climbs (6% to 8% grades), 1 to 3km long. Alternatively, 4 — 6% grades for 6 kilometers or more.

**LEVEL 5 (EXPEDITION)**

Our Expedition tours designed for strong riders looking for the challenge of riding across countries or continents. Long daily mileages mean limited van support so we recommend these tours for riders who feel confident that they can ride every mile.

- **Average daily mileage:** 120 km (75 miles). Be sure to check the day by day itinerary description for the tour you are considering for specific mileages.
- **Gain:** 500-2000 m (1600- 6500 ft)
- **Terrain:** Expect and be prepared for any and everything.

**REMEMBER**

A tour level is the average of the days so we recommend you look at the day level on each day of the itinerary to help you better understand what to expect from your tour.

## CHECKLIST

### TO DO ONCE YOU'VE BOOKED!

- Read through your Reservation Confirmation and After you Book Information (link sent to you by e-mail), it has important information to help you plan your trip!
- Check the date on your passport. The expiration date should extend three months past your date of return to your home country.
- Complete the Customer Information Form: <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/customer-information-form/>
- We recommend you take out travel insurance. Find details at <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/travel-insurance/>
- Choose a bicycle training program: <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/bicycle-tour-training/>
- Peruse our country-specific Travel Planning Pages: <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/>

### 6 TO 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO TOUR START DATE

- Refer to your Tour Packet/Itinerary to see step-by-step arrival and departure information for your tour, meeting place and time, if a reservation on a complimentary ExperiencePlus! Shuttle (if applicable) is required, along with other important information to help you plan your arrival and departure.
- Reserve your flights after you know you have a confirmed tour departure. Please check with our office if you do not know if your trip is confirmed.
- Book your pre and post-tour hotel nights.
- Begin your chosen training program
- Final payment is due 90 days (120 days for Bike & Barge/Boat tours) prior to the tour start. Please refer to your Invoice and the Final Payment Reminder e-mail which we send 10 days prior to the due date for detailed instructions.

### 6 TO 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO TOUR START DATE

- Start reading one of the books or watching one of the movies from our Reading and Movie Lists: <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/>.
- Plan what you are going to pack and start packing! Refer to the Packing Lists for suggestions, and see luggage limits at <https://www.experienceplus.com/travel-planning/packing/>.
- We'll email you your access code to Digital Daysheets, Hotel Itinerary, Participant Roster, names and contact information of your Tour Leaders, emergency phone numbers, and other important departure information about 2 weeks prior to your tour start date. All this will be provided to you via a feature called Experiences via the RideWithGPS App (tracks available but not necessary for navigation on Classic, Expedition and Bike & Boat tours).

### DAY OF YOUR FLIGHT

Get as much sleep on the plane as you can. Pack one day of cycling gear in your carry-on just in case. See you soon!