

## Bicycle Tours in Austria: **Bicycling Vienna to Prague**

### OVERVIEW

Explore Bohemia, the westernmost and largest historical region of the Czech lands in the present-day Czech Republic as of 1918. Bohemia is one of the prominent parts of the Holy Roman Empire and one of the richest parts of the Austrian Empire as you'll notice while cycling through its thick forests dotted with castles, chateaux and picturesque towns. This tour is all about pedaling off the beaten track.

Sound great? But you prefer a longer tour check out [Cycling the Danube Plus! the Czech Republic and Prague](#).

### HIGHLIGHTS

Crossing the border into Czech Republic, Visit to the original Budweiser Budvar Brewery, Cycling along the Moldau river, Prague

### 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>	9 days, 8 nights accommodation; meals as noted in itinerary; guided visits as described in itinerary.
<b>Countries</b>	Austria, Czech Republic
<b>Begin/End</b>	Vienna/Prague
<b>Arrive/Depart</b>	Vienna International Airport (VIE)/Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG)
<b>Total Distance</b>	359km (221 miles)
<b>Avg. Daily Distance</b>	51km (31 miles) per riding day
<b>Tour Level</b>	
<b>Keep in Mind</b>	We work hard to maintain consistency across all of our tours, but some trips have unique differences. Here are some things to keep in mind about this tour. We use charming and modern hotels but A/C or fans may not always be available since they haven't been needed traditionally. Read more on the use of air conditioning in Europe here. Separated twin beds are rare in many places; instead there will be two mattresses together that sit on the same base.

**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://dev.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/austria/bicycling-vienna-prague>

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**DATES & PRICES**

**DAILY RIDE SUMMARY**

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	Test ride			
2	29km / 91m (18mi / 300ft)	Gentle	▶▶▶▶▶	
3	44km / 219m (28mi / 718ft)	Gentle	▶▶▶▶▶	
4	61km / 745m (38mi / 2444ft)	Rolling hills	▶▶▶▶▶	
5	32km / 256m (20mi / 840ft)	Rolling hills	▶▶▶▶▶	
6	69km / 741m (43mi / 2430ft)	Rolling hills	▶▶▶▶▶	
7	61km / 675m (38mi / 2214ft)	Rolling hills	▶▶▶▶▶	
8	63km / 720m (39mi / 2362ft)	Rolling hills	▶▶▶▶▶	
9	Last Day			

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### ARRIVAL INFO

**Meeting time around 6 p.m. (refer to the welcome note at the hotel's front desk) - on Day 1, meet your fellow cyclists and Tour Leaders at the Day 1 Hotel specified on your itinerary.**

**Note:**

As you are planning, remember that the hotels listed in our itineraries are our primary hotels and are - in rare cases - subject to change. Before you make arrangements, **check with us** if your tour departure is guaranteed. If your tour departure is out further than 6 months, please also check with us as there might be slight changes to the itinerary.

The below information will help you plan your arrival. For more tips or other routes, you might like **Rome2Rio**. The fare and timing information listed below is approximate.

We recommend flying into the Vienna Airport (VIE).

#### **From the Vienna Airport to the Day 1 Hotel**

- Taxi (40 min/EUR 45 regular/EUR 35 pre-booked: <http://www.flughafentaxi-wien.at/>)
- **CAT** directly to Wien Mitte (16 min/EUR 11). Continue by metro U3 bound for Ottakring as described in point below (metro cost is separate, around EUR 4/5 min)
- Commuter train S7 (to Wien Mitte) and Metro U3 bound for Ottakring. Exit at Volkstheater and **walk 1 min** (40 min/EUR 5).

### DEPARTURE INFO

**Your trip ends on the final day after a guided tour of Prague, around 12 noon back at the hotel.**

The below information will help you plan your arrival. For more tips or other routes, you might like **Rome2Rio**. The fare and timing information listed below is approximate.

#### **We recommend flying out of Prague (PRG)**

- Taxi from the Ending Hotel to the Airport (35 min/EUR 30)

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### Welcome to Vienna!

#### Highlights Vienna

Your tour begins this evening with a welcome drink and a special dinner together. Arrive early to explore this amazing cultural capital. Vienna is the largest city in Austria and one of Europe's leading musical centers. It was first a Roman and Celtic settlement, but as the Austro-Hungarian Empire rose to prominence, magnificent Medieval and Baroque architecture became especially prevalent. Vienna is one of the great imperial cities of Europe.

### Vienna

#### Highlights Guided tour of Vienna

Vienna has been home to legendary artistic and intellectual residents including Mozart, Beethoven and Sigmund Freud. Vienna is also known for its imperial palaces as well as mix of historic and contemporary buildings. We'll have a guided tour of this fabulous city to explore its artistic and architectural grandeur and to gain extra insight to the city's impressive history. This afternoon, we'll meet for a safety talk and you'll test your bikes with a ride along the Danube.

### Vienna to Trebon, Czech Republic

**Highlights** Crossing into the Czech Republic, clock tower of Trebon, visit one of the oldest breweries in the Czech Republic

We begin the day with a shuttle to the Austrian town of Gmünd. Pick up lunch in the charming town center before you pedal across the border into the Czech Republic! The ride takes you through gentle farmland passing through tiny Czech villages and dense forests. Our hotel tonight is located inside the ancient city walls of Trebon. Trebon is famous for its brewery which dates back to 1379. Take a spin around some of the Trebon pond system, a part of the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves, climb the 16th century clock tower, or visit the majestic Trebon Castle. Be sure to enjoy the local specialty, a sweet wafer, but save room for dinner together tonight at our favorite local restaurant.

### DAY 1: Wed, Aug 24th

**Meals** Dinner

**Lodging**  Hotel 25Hours at MuseumsQuartier

### DAY 2: Thu, Aug 25th

**Distance** 29 km (18 mi)

**Gain** 91 m (300 ft)

**Terrain** Gentle

**Level** 

**Meals** Breakfast

**Lodging**  Hotel 25Hours at MuseumsQuartier

### DAY 3: Fri, Aug 26th

**Distance** 44 km (28 mi)

**Gain** 219 m (718 ft)

**Terrain** Gentle

**Level** 

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

**Lodging**  Hotel Zlata Hvezda Trebon

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#### Trebon to Cesky Krumlov

**Highlights** Guided tour of Cesky Krumlov, UNESCO World Heritage castle

Today we will make our way to Cesky Krumlov, one of the Czech Republic's most beautiful cities. Cesky Krumlov is situated in a meander of the longest river in the Czech Republic, the Vltava River. Our hotel is in the main square of this historic city center, structured around the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Cesky castle. The castle was originally built in the 1200's by the main branch of the Bohemian noble Rosenberg family, a hugely influential family in Czech medieval history from the 13th century until 1611. This evening we'll enjoy a guided walk through town.

#### DAY 4: Sat, Aug 27th

**Distance** 61 km (38 mi)  
**Gain** 745 m (2444 ft)  
**Terrain** Rolling hills  
**Level** >>>>>>  
**Meals** Breakfast  
**Lodging**  Hotel Grand - Cesky Krumlov

#### Cesky Krumlov to Ceske Budejovice

**Highlights** Scenic bike path along the river; Visit to the original Budvar Brewery

Today we will leave Cesky Krumlov and enjoy pedaling through scenic rural pastures before we connect with the Vltava river. We will follow a bike path along this tranquil river to our destination for the evening, Ceske Budejovice, the capital city of Bohemia. Famous for its beer first brewed in the 13th century, brewing remains a major industry in Ceske Budejovice. We will visit the Budvar Brewery which some say Budweiser beer was brewed to imitate.

#### DAY 5: Sun, Aug 28th

**Distance** 32 km (20 mi)  
**Gain** 256 m (840 ft)  
**Terrain** Rolling hills  
**Level** >>>>>>  
**Meals** Breakfast  
**Lodging**  Hotel Budweis  Grand Hotel Zvon

#### Ceske Budejovice to Tabor

**Highlights** Hluboká Castle

We will follow the bike path along the Vltava River out of Ceske Budejovice today and then pedal through lush green forests and small villages on our way to Tabor, which earned its notoriety as home to the most radical wing of the Hussite movement in the 15th century. Perched on a steep hillside surrounded by dense forest, the streets of Tabor are beautiful and vibrant. Take a stroll through the stunning main square. We'll enjoy dinner together tonight.

#### DAY 6: Mon, Aug 29th

**Distance** 69 km (43 mi)  
**Gain** 741 m (2430 ft)  
**Terrain** Rolling hills  
**Level** >>>>>>  
**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Lodging**  Hotel Nautilus



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### Tabor to Konopiste

**Highlights** Wonderful ride through the countryside, spa hotel

Today we pedal through peaceful pastureland. Take a break under the shade of wild apple trees for a quick snack or to capture a picture of the scenic back country roads leading us to our destination for the night near the Konopiste Castle. Play some golf at the largest golf resort in the Czech Republic or enjoy the many amenities of the hotel spa this evening before seeing the Konopiste Castle tomorrow, famous for having been the last residence of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, whose assassination in Sarajevo triggered World War I.

### DAY 7: Tue, Aug 30th

**Distance** 61 km (38 mi)

**Gain** 675 m (2214 ft)

**Terrain** Rolling hills

**Level** 

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

**Lodging**  [Golf Resort Konopišt?](#)

### Konopiste to Prague

**Highlights** Cycling along the Moldau river, Prague

A stunning start to the day as we pedal through Konopiste Castle's park where you'll have a chance to visit this impressive castle if you wish. Then we will pedal until our route converges with the Moldau river. A riverside bike path will take us peacefully right into the Czech Republic's capital city of Prague, and the final destination for the tour. Prague, sometimes called "the City of a Hundred Spires," is known for its Old Town Square in the heart of its historic center. Take a stroll around the city and enjoy its colorful Baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock, which gives an animated show hourly.

### DAY 8: Wed, Aug 31st

**Distance** 63 km (39 mi)

**Gain** 720 m (2362 ft)

**Terrain** Rolling hills

**Level** 

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

**Lodging**  [Hotel Leon D' Oro](#)

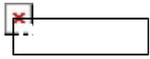
### Farewell!

**Highlights** Guided tour of Prague

We'll say good-bye after our guided tour of Prague this morning. Stick around though because Prague deserves a few extra days to visit sites, shop, and hear some great music. No matter what you decide to do next, thanks for cycling with us!

### DAY 9: Thu, Sep 1st

**Meals** Breakfast



## 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 the three most important aspects of a guided bike tour.

- 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.

## 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://ep-2023.localhost/travel-planning/>
- A gift of your choice (cycling jerseys, socks, or a t-shirt) as our way of saying thanks for choosing ExperiencePlus!
- \*Traveler services including assistance booking extra nights at the tour starting and ending hotels. (\*Explorer Tours 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://ep-2023.localhost/what-to-expect/our-bikes/>. If you would like to bring your own pedals and shoes we recommend doing so. On Explorer tours we include a GPS device on all bikes. We ask that you bring your own helmet to ensure the best fit. If you would like us to provide you with a used helmet, please contact us.

## NAVIGATING, DAYSHEETS AND VAN SUPPORT:

Each day you'll receive a daily briefing with a highlighted route map. 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 also includes Tour Leader 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 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.

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**Need More Miles?** On many days it is possible to add miles to the day, just talk to your tour leader about your options.

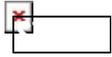
**Need Fewer Miles?** If you aren't sure about your abilities or how much you want to ride remember the support van is available to offer snacks, encouragement, a lift over the next hill, or to the next hotel. You are on vacation and we're here to help make it perfect for you.

## TIPPING YOUR TOUR LEADER TEAM:

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% 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.

## 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.



## 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. No matter what you are looking for in a cycling vacation, we have a tour with just the right pace for you.

**Classic Tours:** Dream of traveling through a region by bike? then our Classic style bike tours are for you! 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, most itineraries include at least one two-night stay at the same hotel.
- Road Type: Pavement, bike paths.
- Multi-night Stays: Occasionally
- Navigation: 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, occasional multi-night stays at the same hotel.
- Road Type: 30-50% gravel or hard-packed dirt, the rest pavement.
- Multi-night Stays: Occasionally
- Navigation: Group riding and GPS
- Price: \$\$
- Tour Levels: 1-4

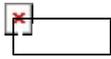
**Bike and Boat Tours:** Spend days cycling and your evenings relaxing on a private boat as you cruise to your next port.

- Tour Length: 7-8 days, some itineraries have land-based extensions available.
- Barge/Boat: 3-4 star, same cabin for the entire boat trip.
- Road Type: Pavement
- Navigation: 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, typically there is a 2-night hotel stay every 5-7 days.
- Road Type: Pavement with occasional hard-packed dirt or gravel.
- Multi-night Stays: On rest days
- Navigation: Chalk Arrows
- Price: \$\$\$
- Tour Levels: 4-5





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.

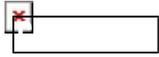
### LEVEL 5 (EXPEDITION)

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.



## 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://ep-2023.localhost/travel-planning/customer-information-form/>
- We recommend you take out travel insurance. Find details at <https://ep-2023.localhost/travel-planning/travel-insurance/>
- Choose a bicycle training program: <https://ep-2023.localhost/travel-planning/bicycle-tour-training/>
- Peruse our country-specific Travel Planning Pages: <https://ep-2023.localhost/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://ep-2023.localhost/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://ep-2023.localhost/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!

