



## PRAGUE TO VIENNA FAMILY

CZECH REPUBLIC AND AUSTRIA

Bring the whole family on a trip to discover the heart of Europe, the place where European history was crafted. The Czech Republic and Austria are two separate countries that have shared a similar and turbulent history. They now live peacefully in the heart of the EU with ever-expanding art communities and economies. In Český Krumlov, your family will discover the details of this land's rich past and architecture on a walking tour at dusk. The kids will love a fun-filled afternoon of rafting on the Vltava, the river that runs right through town. Finishing in Dürnstein, a village overlooking the Danube, scramble through the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart was captured! During a private cooking class at an organic winery, the kids can learn all about apricots. We'll ride across the border between the Czech Republic and Austria; through poppy fields and then castle country along the Danube. Your family is about to discover a different lifestyle, a different culture, a different landscape, and we can't wait for you to begin the journey!

### TRIP WOWS

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of rafting on the Vltava, the river that runs right through town

We'll ride across the border between the Czech Republic and Austria

Enjoy a morning hike to the castle ruins overlooking Dürnstein, vineyards and the mighty Danube river

Experience a private tour of Stift Melk, one of the most famous Benedictine abbeys in the world

Learn how to make two traditional desserts in a private cooking class

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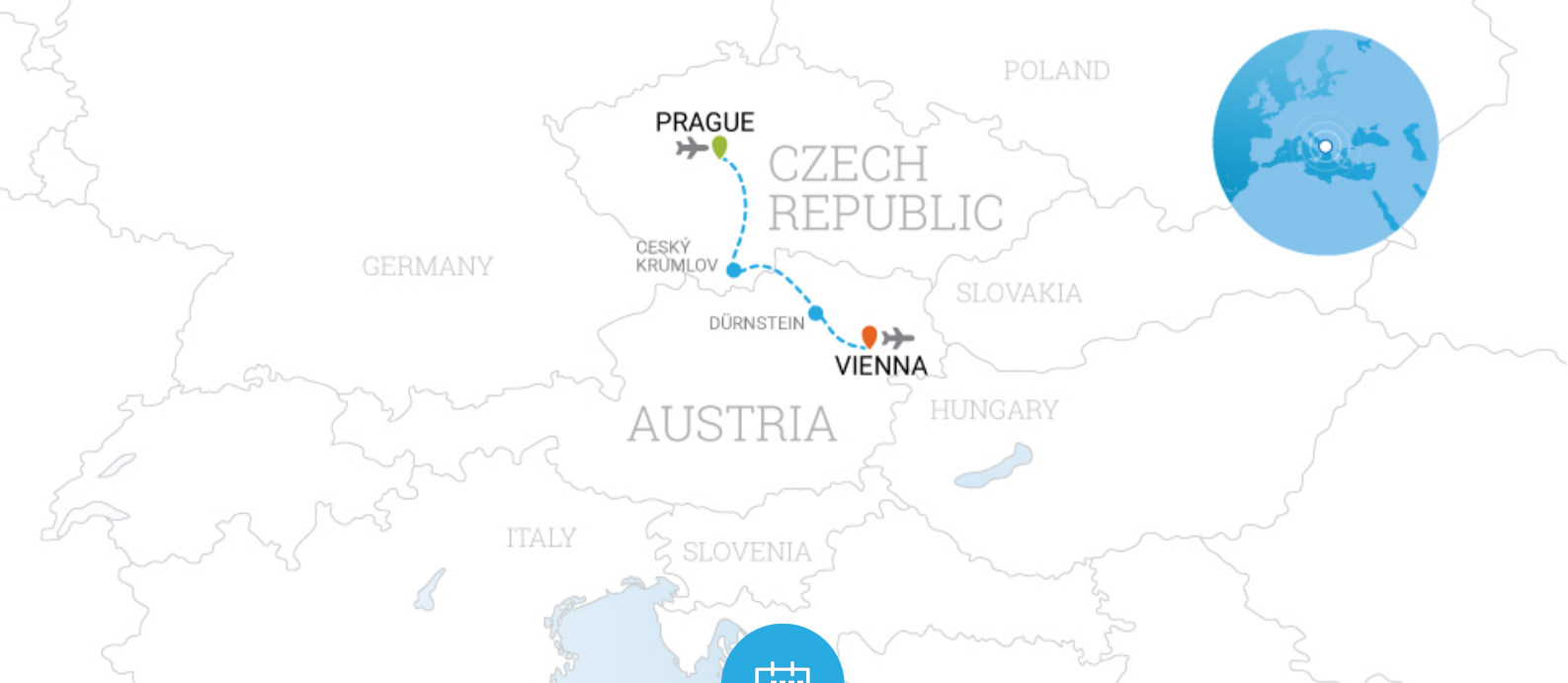
Rider Type  
Leisure / Recreational

Hotel Style  
Explorer

Duration  
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End  
Prague, Czech Republic |  
Vienna, Austria

Dates  
2019/Aug



## DAILY ITINERARY

2019

Day

1

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Holasovice to Cesky Krumlov

Approximately 22 miles with 1,500 ft elevation of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Hotel Josef at 10:00 AM on the first day of the trip. A private shuttle will take you approximately 2 hours to the picturesque village of Holašovice, where you'll enjoy a delicious and hearty lunch in the Czech Hospoda, a traditional restaurant where you can sample typical dishes based on old recipes, including Svičková, Goulash or sweet pancakes. Afterwards, your Trek Travel guides will spend some time familiarizing you with your Trek bicycle to ensure a perfect fit. You'll then have a chance to spin your legs on a beautiful warm-up ride to Český Krumlov, our home for next two nights. If you feel inspired you can challenge yourself on a climb to Klet mountain from where you can enjoy a beautiful view of South Bohemia. This evening your guides will discuss the week ahead and you will enjoy dinner together in the hotel's restaurant.

### HOTEL:

Hotel Bellevue

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Dinner

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# Day

## 2

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Cesky Krumlov to Zlata Koruna

Approximately 14 miles with 1,200 ft elevation of climbing

### TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

#### Kayak Vltava River & Guided Walking Tour

### DESCRIPTION:

Today you'll participate in a favorite activity of the locals as we raft on a calm Vltava River. We will ride along the banks of the winding river, partly on a bike path to a small village of Zlata Koruna (Gold Crown), where we board a river boat to float back to Český Krumlov. Take in all the sights in a leisurely fashion on the water and under the sun. This afternoon you can enjoy the city at your leisure. Cesky Krumlov offers plenty of interesting attractions, including the Egon Schiele Art Centrum or the Marionette museum. If you did not make it to mountain Kleť yesterday, you can take time to hike, bike or enjoy a fast chairlift up to the top. This evening, our local guide will meet the group for a private walking tour of Český Krumlov. On the tour, you'll learn about the great history of this medieval village and maybe even see a bear or two living in the castle moat. This evening's dinner is for you to select from the smorgasbord of Czech specialties at one of the town's most festive restaurants on your own.

### HOTEL:

Hotel Bellevue  
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### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

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# Day

## 3

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Lake Lipno to Austria

Approximately 9 miles with 500 ft elevation of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### Lake Lipno to Austria with a climb

Approximately 17 miles with 1,400 ft elevation of climbing

### TODAY'S ACTIVITY

**Choice of activities:  
Bobsleigh, treetop walk,  
toboggan or swim in the lake**

### DESCRIPTION:

Today we will shuttle to the lake Lipno, where you'll get to pick from a wide range of adventure activities such as a bobsleigh track or the treetop walk, which includes a massive toboggan and lookout tower. See what Šumava looks like from above! After a delicious lunch on the lake we will bike along the water and enjoy one last spin through the patchwork patterns and vivid colors of the southern Czech countryside before we cross the border by bike into the picturesque Waldviertel region of northern Austria. Afterwards we'll shuttle two hours to the Danube river valley, our home for the next three nights. This evening, your Trek Travel guides invite you to join them at a local restaurant for a hearty Austrian meal touched with local Wachau flair. If you are feeling festive, take a midnight stroll along the winding cobble streets of medieval Durnstein. The views at night are second-to-none!

### HOTEL:

Romantik Hotel Richard Löwenherz  
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### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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# Day

## 4

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Dürnstein to Melk Loop

Approximately 45 miles with 300 feet of climbing

### SHORT OPTION:

#### Dürnstein to Melk Ride

Approximately 20 miles with 150 feet of climbing

### TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

**Stift Melk Private Tour**

### DESCRIPTION:

Today's ride boasts some of the most scenic views of the week. This morning, you and your cycling companions will join the locals and cycle along the bicycle pathways that line the shores of the Danube River, part of the famed Passau to Vienna bike tour. You'll explore many delightful villages along the way, each one known for its Wachau wine, medieval history and baroque architectural gems. Once you have arrived in the charming city of Melk, you are free to enjoy lunch at one of the many cafes or restaurants. After your last piece of Mozart chocolate, your Trek Travel guides invite you to join them for a private tour of Stift Melk, one of the most famous Benedictine abbeys in the world. Opt to shuttle to Durnstein or cycle back to the hotel, stopping to sample some of the region's fresh apricots, grapes and apples along the way. Once we return to our hotel you'll have an opportunity to explore town on your own and find the perfect place for a relaxing dinner.

### HOTEL:

Romantik Hotel Richard Löwenherz  
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### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

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# Day

## 5

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Durnstein to Gottweig Loop

Approximately 13 miles with 600 ft elevation of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### Durnstein to Stift of Gottweig

Approximately 17 miles with 1,150 ft elevation of climbing

### TODAY'S ACTIVITY

**Cooking class**

### DESCRIPTION:

This morning, you'll ride to the base of Gottweig Abbey Hill and enjoy fantastic views of this spectacular abbey in its venerable post, before heading back to Durnstein. Then you'll head to the World of Morwald, where you'll get to taste, first-hand, the sophisticated twists on classic Viennese cuisine for which chef Toni Morwald is world-renowned. You'll also learn how to make two traditional desserts in our private cooking class. In the afternoon relax by the hotel pool, or enjoy a leisurely stroll through town and don't forget to stop in local shops to get few souvenirs. Tonight we will toast to a fine week and dine on exquisite fare at Romantik Hotel Richard Lowenherz.

### HOTEL:

Romantik Hotel Richard Löwenherz

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### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Dinner

# Day

## 6

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Optional ride to Spitz and back

Approximately 15 miles with 500 feet of climbing

### TODAY'S ACTIVITY

**Hike the ruins of Dürnstein**

### DESCRIPTION:

Enjoy a morning hike to the castle ruins overlooking Dürnstein. This is where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 12th century. Enjoy a beautiful view on large green fields of vineyards and Danube flowing in a wide valley. You may choose to add in one last ride along the vineyards to the town of Spitz and soak up the final moments in Austrian countryside. You'll say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at Romantik Hotel Richard Lowenherz. A private shuttle will take you to Vienna South Train Station or Vienna Airport (VIE) for you to continue on to your next destination.

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

### What's Included

- 5 nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 2 social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc, Trek's newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bont rager Flare R lights, a Bont rager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- Bont rager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized photobook of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events



## Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bike
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- For the kids, the use of a Trek Superfly 20 or 24
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bont rager WaveCel helmet
- Bont rager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bont rager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+\$200)
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.*

## THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

## What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

## HOTELS



### HOTEL BELLEVUE

#### ČESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC

Hotel Bellevue is nestled into the pedestrian mall close to the Český Krumlov Castle, in the center of an historical zone listed since 1992 as part of the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage sites. The first mention of the building dates to 1561. A renowned bakery and baker's shop were located in the building during the 16th and 17th centuries. Well known for outstanding service, beautiful guest rooms and exquisite dining options, Hotel Bellevue sets the tone for the fantastic hotels on this trip.



### ROMANTIK HOTEL RICHARD LÖWENHERZ

#### DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

The Romantik Hotel Richard Löwenherz is situated on the cliffs, overlooking one of the most beautiful, pristine river landscapes in Europe - the mighty Danube. Serenity and romance are everywhere you look in this hotel, be it in the open hearth fireplace, the terraced restaurant overlooking the Danube, or the spacious, dreamlike convent gardens, which now play host to an idyllic swimming pool. The Thiery family extends a Wachau welcome to their guests and everyone here is treated royally!



# MEETING & DEPARTING

## How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Prague, Czech Republic (PRG) and then take a taxi to your hotel or Day 1 pickup hotel, Hotel Josef, Rybná 20, CZ - 110 00 Praha 1. A taxi from the airport will cost about 500 Czech Koruna (\$30-\$40).

Alternatively, take the Cedaz airport shuttle to your hotel or Day 1 pickup hotel. Cedaz runs every 30 minutes from PRG. Cost is about 150 CZK (\$8). [www.Cedaz.CZ/About-Transport-Airport-Prague.php](http://www.Cedaz.CZ/About-Transport-Airport-Prague.php)

At the end of your trip, a private shuttle will take you to Vienna South Train Station or Vienna Airport (VIE).

## Before: Prague, Czech Republic

Prague is a maze of narrow streets and small squares, with Baroque buildings and enchanting corners. It's wonderful to get lost in it, but there are places that you really shouldn't miss. The Church of Saint Nicholas, located in the Little Quarter, is one of the most beautiful Baroque churches in Europe - it is a sight to behold. A walk on Charles Bridge, with its 31 groups of statues, is a must-see as well. For those who have a passion for music, the Mozart Museum offers them the chance to see the place where the great composer lived when in Prague. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

## After: Vienna, Austria

Vienna has long been one of Europe's

## Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Hotel Josef (Rybná 20, CZ - 110 00 Praha 1, Prague) at 10:00 AM on the first day of the trip. A private shuttle will take you approximately 2 hours to the picturesque village of Holašovice. Make sure to pack your first day's riding gear in a separate bag.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Hotel Bellevue (+420 380 720 177), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. You may decide to meet us in Český Krumlov at the Hotel Bellevue. In that case, you will have to arrange your own transportation from Prague or your specific departure point to Český Krumlov. Regular bus service runs between the capital and Český Krumlov (about 3 1/2 hours).

## Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at the Romantikhôtel Richard Lowenherz. A private shuttle will take you to Wien Mitte Train Station in Vienna, arriving at approximately 12:00 PM. Please do not schedule departing trains prior to 3:00 PM.

### HOTEL JOSEF

Located in the city center, this chic design hotel has a contemporary feel. Staff is friendly and will make you feel welcome upon your arrival. This is a great base to begin your exploration of Prague before your trip. Ask about special Trek Travel rates. This is also the trip pick-up location.

[www.HotelJosef.com](http://www.HotelJosef.com) | ~\$120

### 987 PRAGUE

987 Prague is located in the dazzling center of Prague, close to area attractions and historical sites. Offering 80 modern and comfortable rooms and suites, a euro-chic hotel.

[www.987hotels.com](http://www.987hotels.com) | ~\$205

### HOTEL KAMPA GARDEN

Accommodations in spacious rooms with views of Charles Bridge, Prague Castle and Certovka canal. All 35 rooms are equipped with internet access via WIFI, LED TV. Hotel Kampa Garden opened in 2005 and is a pleasant three-star hotel, right in the heart of Prague.

[www.KampaGarden.cz](http://www.KampaGarden.cz) | ~\$225

### KÄRNTNERHOF

This is one of the friendliest small hotels in downtown Vienna. Take the beautifully restored Biedermeier elevator to the upstairs rooms with modern baths and reproduction furniture. 43 rooms.

most important artistic centers and is a Baroque delight. It maintains the grandeur of its past as longtime seat of the Habsburg rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Hofburg, winter residence of the Habsburgs, is a city within the city. The Stephansdom, the city's cathedral, is a stunning building with a glittering roof and a mighty south tower, which symbolizes Vienna for many. The Opera House is another symbol of Vienna and is an important stop during your visit of the city, especially for passionate music fans!

[www.Karntnerhof.com](http://www.Karntnerhof.com) | ~\$280

#### ALTSTADT

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This small distinctive hotel has charming rooms with modern comforts and is a short walk from the city's major museums. The upper floors have views of the city. 25 rooms.

[www.Altstadt.at](http://www.Altstadt.at) | ~\$200

#### AUSTRIA

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This older house is very quiet and is only a 5-minute walk from the city center. A pretty courtyard terrace, combined with pleasant rooms and fine decor, make this an excellent quality hotel. 46 rooms.

[www.HotelAustria-wien.at](http://www.HotelAustria-wien.at) | ~\$150

\* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.



## FAQS

### What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 1/2 - Leisure/Recreational
- Average Daily Mileage | 20
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 765 feet
- Total Miles | 118
- Total Elevation | 4,600 feet

The terrain is gentle rolling hills and smaller roads with very light traffic the first three days of our trip. When we reach the Danube River, we will be riding mostly on beautiful (and flat) bicycle paths. Prague to Vienna is best suited for our Type 1/2 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 1 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphill, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 2+ Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

### What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Private guided tour of UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cesky Krumlov
- Kayak on the Vltava River
- Various activities on Lake Lipno: bobsleigh, treetop walk, toboggan or swim in the lake
- Explore the medieval towns of Krems and Dürnstein and Melk
- Private guided tour of the monastery Stift Melk
- Cooking class

### Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.