

## PRAGUE TO VIENNA BIKE TOUR

CZECH REPUBLIC AND AUSTRIA

A bicycle is truly the best way to discover the secret forests, charming Baroque palaces, and quiet cobblestone streets of this enchanting Bohemian wonderland. This Central European bike tour from Prague to Vienna winds through history, preserved Renaissance towns and countryside laden with dense forests and rolling hills. Take in the sweeping vistas of the lush Danube River Valley as you immerse yourself in the culture, cuisine, and adventure that continue to make Bohemia a favorite for active travelers and cyclists worldwide. And all at a pace catered specifically to you. [See Our Prague to Vienna Family Edition»](#)

From  
**\$3599**

Rider Type  
**Recreational**

Hotel Style  
**Explorer**

Duration  
**6 days | 5 nights**

Start | End  
**Prague, Czech Republic |  
Vienna, Austria**

Dates  
**2020/Jul/Aug/Sep**

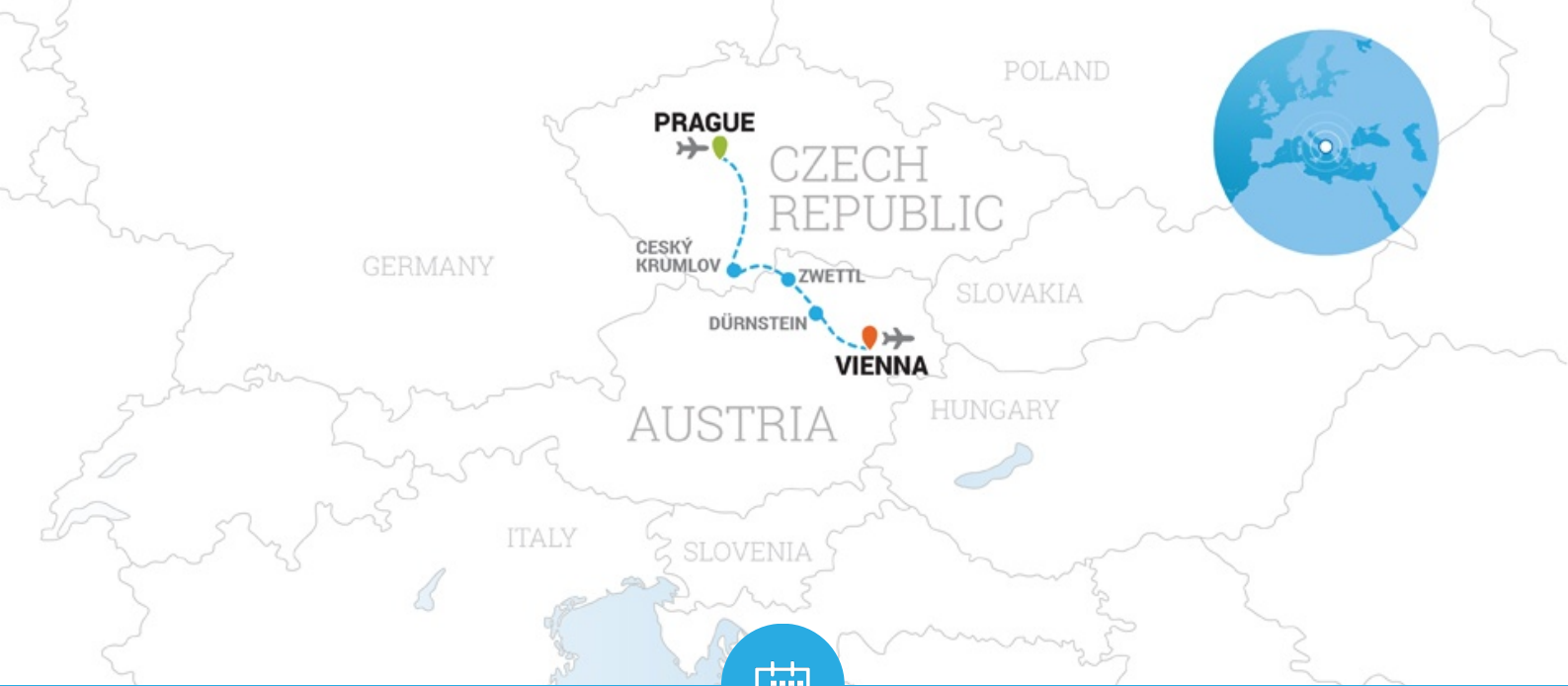
### TRIP WOWS

Enjoy an afternoon walking tour of the splendid Medieval town of Český Krumlov

Ride across the border between the Czech Republic and Austria

Enjoy a private wine tour and tasting in the Wachau, Austria's premier white wine making region and visit the gardens at Gasthof Schindler

Pedal along the bicycle paths that line the shores of the Danube River, part of the famed Passau to Vienna bike tour



## DAILY ITINERARY

2019

Day

1

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### **Blansky Forest**

Approximately 23 miles with 1,300 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Hotel Josef at 9:00 AM on the first day of the trip. We will get on a private 2 hour shuttle to a small, charming village of Holasovice, which is UNESCO world heritage known for its authentic Folk Baroque architecture. After you enjoy a delicious and hearty lunch at typical Czech "hospoda", you'll change into your cycling gear and your Trek Travel guides will spend some time familiarizing you with your Trek bicycle and make any final adjustments to ensure a perfect fit. You'll then have a chance to spin your legs on a beautiful warm-up ride in the Bohemian countryside before spending the evening getting to know your new friends at one of the best restaurants in the village. Relax over cocktails as your Trek Travel guides discuss the week ahead on your vacation of a lifetime!

### HOTEL:

Hotel Bellevue or Garni Hotel Castle Bridge

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

# Day

## 2

### TODAY'S RIDE & ACTIVITY:

#### Cesky Krumlov to Lake Lipno | Private walking tour of Cesky Krumlov

Approximately 27 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing

### SHORT OPTION:

#### Ceský Krumlov to Vyšší Brod

Approximately 22 miles with 1,000 feet of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### Ceský Krumlov to Lake Lipno Loop

Approximately 48 miles with 3,000 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

Today's ride follows the Vltava River south to the quiet and historic town of Rozemberk. Continuing along the riverbank, you'll ride beneath the expansive 13th-century Cistercian monastery in Vyssi Brod before arriving on the shores of the stunning Lake Lipno. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant of your choice and soak in the sun on a waterfront patio or beach. The ride back takes us over rolling forest and farmland back to Cesky Krumlov. This evening, our long-time friend and local guide will meet the group for a lively, historic walking tour of Cesky Krumlov. Afterward, explore Cesky Krumlov and have dinner on your own in this lovely little medieval town.

### HOTEL:

Hotel Bellevue or Garni Hotel Castle Bridge

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

# Day

## 3

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Cesky Krumlov to Weitra

Approximately 47 miles with 3,800 feet of climbing

### SHORT OPTION:

#### Omlenice to Weitra

Approximately 36 miles with 2,250 feet of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### Cesky Krumlov to Nové Hradý to Schloss Rosenau

Approximately 57 miles with 5,300 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

Today you'll head south into the picturesque Waldviertel region of northern Austria. Before leaving, you'll enjoy one last spin through the patchwork patterns and vivid colors of the southern Czech countryside. Just a few miles from the Austrian border we will enjoy our last hearty lunch of Czech specialties. Led by your Trek Travel guides you and your traveling companions will cross the border into Austria on your bike. The nearby town of Weitra and its historic "Altstadt" (old town) beckon and are the perfect introduction to your time in Austria. The afternoon is yours to explore any way you wish. Choose to spend the rest of the day following quiet, winding roads through medieval villages, lush farmland, and dense forest, or opt for a ride directly to tonight's hotel, Schlosshotel Rosenau. Tonight, you'll transition to Austrian cuisine when we'll enjoy regional specialties for dinner at our hotel.

### HOTEL:

Schlosshotel Rosenau

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

# Day

## 4

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Rosenau to Gasthof Schindler to Dürnstein

Approximately 47 miles with 2,400 feet of climbing

### SHORT OPTION:

#### Rosenau to Gasthof Schindler

Approximately 18 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

With almost no traffic on the roads, you'll enjoy the quiet beauty of your morning ride in Austria's Waldviertel. Pedal through the village of Zwettl, whose Stift (abbey) includes one of the most beautiful churches in northern Austria. Rolling forested hills eventually give way to deep valleys, leading down to the Danube river. You'll stop midday and refuel with a hearty Austrian lunch at a cozy, family-run restaurant. Long gradual downhill bring you to Austria's famed Wachau region, where vineyards blanket the hillsides and fall steeply into the winding Danube river. Once on the valley floor, you'll ride through Krems, a bustling university town, to today's destination in the quaint village of Durnstein. If there's time, visit the ruins overlooking town or stroll along the cobblestone streets. This evening to explore Durnstein's winding streets for dinner on your own.

### HOTEL:

Romantikhotel Richard Lowenherz

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

## Day

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Dürnstein to Melk Loop

Approximately 45 miles with 1,400 feet of climbing

### SHORT OPTION:

#### Dürnstein to Melk

Approximately 25 miles with 1,000 feet of climbing

### TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

**Wine Tour and Tasting**

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### 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 pedal along the bicycle paths 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, opt to shuttle to Dürnstein or cycle back to the hotel, stopping to sample some of the region's most distinctive wines along the way. This evening we will enjoy wine tasting in the Roman-era cellar of the oldest winery in Austria. We'll toast our week together as we dine on fresh local family-style meal paired with the region's best wines.

### HOTEL:

Romantikhôtel Richard Lowenherz

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Dinner

## Day

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Stift Gottweig Loop

Approximately 15 miles with 500 feet of climbing

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### DESCRIPTION:

This morning you'll ride to the base of Gottweig Abbey Hill, where you'll enjoy fantastic views of this spectacular abbey in its venerable post. If you'd rather, enjoy a morning hike to the ruins of Dürnstein or a leisurely stroll through town. You'll say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at the Hotel Richard Lowenherz. A private shuttle (approximately 1 hour) will take you to Vienna's Main Train Station, Wien Mitte. Please do not schedule departing trains or flights prior to 3:00 PM.

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

## 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
- 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

#### ČESKY 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.



### SCHLOSSHOTEL ROSENAU

#### ZWETTL, AUSTRIA

This fully-restored hotel was built on the present site at the end of the 16th century and was altered to the Baroque style you see today by Count Leopold Christoph von Schallenberg in the middle of the 17th century. The decorated rooms of the south wing were once the meeting place of Freemasons and are now a Masonic museum. Features also include tennis courts, gardens, and a pond.



### ROMANTIKHOTEL RICHARD LOWENHERZ

#### DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

Located on the Danube river, in green hills of the Waldviertel ("forest district") and the Dunkelsteinerwald ("dark stone forest"), sits this 800-year old historic gem that was built for the royalty of the Wachau region. Don't forget to visit the convent garden and heated swimming pool for a picture-perfect, relaxing escape.



### HOTEL VARIATION | SCHLOSSHOTEL DURNSTEIN

#### DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA

Amidst unique and impressive Wachau scenery - a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000 - Hotel Schloss Durnstein rises high above the Danube. Soak in the views and history of this unique hotel while

resting on the terrace, overlooking the Danube and savoring exquisite culinary treats, accompanied by the region's best wines. **You will stay here in place of the Romantikhotel Richard Lowenherz on select 2019 dates.**



## 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 Václav Havel Airport Prague (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:

### Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Hotel Josef (Rybná 20, CZ - 110 00 Praha 1, Prague) at 9:00 AM on the first day of the trip. A private shuttle (approximately 2.5 hours) will take you to a small, charming village of Holasovice, which is UNESCO world heritage known for its authentic Folk Baroque architecture. Make sure to pack your first day's riding gear in a separate bag. Your Trek Travel guides will spend some time familiarizing you with your Trek bicycle and ensure a perfect bike fit.

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.

### Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:00 AM at the Romantikhotel 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. This is also the trip pick up location.

[www.hoteljosef.com/](http://www.hoteljosef.com/) | ~\$350

#### 987 PRAGUE HOTEL

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.987praguehotel.com/en/](http://www.987praguehotel.com/en/) | ~\$205

#### HOTEL KAMPA GARDEN

Accommodations in spacious rooms with views of Charles Bridge, Prague Castle and Certovka canal. 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

## After: Vienna, Austria

Vienna has long been one of Europe's 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 city's cathedral Stephansdom is a stunning building with a glittering roof and a mighty south tower, which symbolizes Vienna for many. The Opera House is another iconic building of Vienna and is an important stop during your visit of the city, especially for passionate music fans.

### KÄRNTNERHOF

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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.

[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 gorgeous views of the city.

[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 beautiful courtyard terrace, combined with pleasant rooms and fine decor, makes this an excellent quality hotel.

[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 | 2 -Recreational
- Average Daily Mileage | 34
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,817 feet
- Total Miles | 204
- Total Elevation | 10,900 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

The terrain is gentle rolling hills and smaller roads with very light traffic the first three days of our trip. Upon reaching the Danube River, the routes are on beautiful (and flat) bicycle paths. Prague to Vienna is best suited for our Type 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

### 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:

- Tours and tastings at Czech and Austrian breweries and wineries
- Private guided tour of UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cesky Krumlov
- Visit a 13th century Cistercian Monastery in Vyšší Brod
- Rafting on the Vltava river
- Explore the medieval towns of Zwettl, Krems and Dürnstein
- Private guided wine tour and tasting in the Austrian Wachau region
- Shopping in Durnstein and Melk
- Optional self-guided hike to the Durnstein ruins

### 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

may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 3 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.