



PRAGUE – VIENNA guided, fully supported cycling holiday

While on this amazing cycling holiday, expect a balance of diverse natural landscapes and World Heritage cities. Prague in the Czech Republic and Vienna in Austria are the highlights of this bike tour! Prague was for centuries the center of power for the Czech aristocracy and the parliament is still housed in the fortress where the Czechs were ruled for centuries. The cobbled streets of this beautiful city make a memorable first impression. Vienna is magnificent, as it once housed the powerful Habsburg family for centuries. This is a city where almost every period in the last 800 years is represented.

You will enjoy an amazing landscape, a versatile, partly hilly area, where idyllic rivers flow, dotted with towns reflecting Middle European history. Charming towns and city centers, many Unesco protected old fortresses and in the smaller villages traditional carp ponds.

Day 1: Individual arrival to Prague.

Day 2: Prague - Konopiste, approx. 38 mi. (62 km)

Day 3: Konopiště/Benešov - Tabor, approx. 38 mi. (60 km)

Day 4: Tábor - Jindřichuv Hradec, approx. 32 mi. (52 km)

Day 5: Jindřichuv Hradec - Telc, approx. 28 mi. (45 km)

Day 6: Telc - Vranov nad Dyjí, approx. 29 mi. (47 km)

Day 7: Vranov nad Dyjí - Znojmo, approx. 29 mi. (46 km)

Day 8: Znojmo - Mikulov, approx. 39-45 mi. (62-68 km)

Day 9: Mikulov - Vienna, approx. 38 mi. (55 km)

Day 10: Depart from Vienna

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Day 1: Individual arrival to Prague, Czech Republic. In the afternoon welcome meeting with your tour guide and dinner. (Hotel 3*, meals included: dinner)

Day 2: Prague - Konopiste, 38 mi. (62 km) Our first biking day starts easily and meanders along the Vltava river on nice bike trails. After 12 miles on flat ground you leave the river for the Posázaví highlands. For every climb you will be rewarded with nice sweeping views of the surrounding countryside. At Zbořený Kostelec you can take a short hike to some local castle ruins. From there, you will continue to nearby Týnec nad Sázavou. Today's stage will end with a visit to the Konopiste Castle, the summer palace of Archduke Franz Ferdinand D'Este. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)



Day 3: Konopiště/Benešov - Tabor, 38 mi. (60 km) The second day of cycling offers us gentle biking along small side roads and byways through a peaceful part of Central Bohemia. The part we bike through today is sometimes called Czech Meran for all the little ups and downs or Czech Siberia for rather chillier climate (mornings) in the valleys. This stage offers fantastic views and descents followed by some climbing. After we pass through all this cycling heaven, we will end up in Tábor. In Tabor a mighty fortress served as the headquarters of the Czech reformation in 15th century, during the Hussite wars. Never conquered it offers a lot to see and a great evening after a demanding ride! (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)

Day 4: Tábor - Jindřichův Hradec, 32 mi. (52 km) 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 the Southern Bohemian region. Among the green, calm scenery rests the romantic water castle of Červená Lhota, and the third-largest historical complex in the Czech Republic - the town of Jindřichův Hradec with its well-preserved castle and city center. Today, it is hard to believe that this calm town used to be one of the largest medieval centers in Bohemia! Based on legend, it is possible to meet Perchta of Rozmberk – the famous “White Lady” ghost! (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)

Day 5: Jindřichův Hradec - Telč, 28 mi. (45 km) We leave South Bohemia and enter the Bohemian - Moravian highlands area. Today’s highlight will be a visit to the Renaissance town of Telč, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Telč is considered to be the most beautiful Renaissance town in Europe. Before we get there, we must travel a rather hilly 28 miles, passing by a plethora of ponds and lakes - try to count them all, or just relax amid this peaceful scenery. In Strmilov, we will have a chance to visit a fabric weaving factory and learn more about the process of making wool and linen fabrics, a part of this region for centuries. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)

Day 6: Telč - Vranov nad Dyjí, 29 mi. (47 km) We start the day in direction of Dačice where the first sugar cube ever was produced. We continue through an area with fantastic views, through a nice highland area and idyllic villages near the Austrian border. We will follow the border for the rest of the day. On the road we can see a well-preserved system of fortifications that date back to the beginning of World War 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 Písečná and to the fairytale-like castle of Frejštejn. Before we reaching our destination we will take a detour to the 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 destination of today’s stage is the town of Vranov nad Dyjí, nestled on the edge of the Podyjí National Park. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)

Day 7: Vranov nad Dyjí - Znojmo, 29 mi. (46 km) This day explores Podyjí National Park, enchanting everyone with its untouched beauty. From the ruins of Nový Hradec, as well as from the viewpoint over the majestic medieval castle of Hardeg, 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 this area, is a quiet eyewitness of somber, relatively recent times. The bike trail will lead us along the borders of the national park, where no auto traffic is allowed. 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 opportunity 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. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)

Day 8: Znojmo – Mikulov, 39 - 45 mi. (62 - 68 km) In the morning we will leave the town along the river and then continue through fields and vineyards to the Austrian border. The border will take us east with a nice stop in the town of Jaroslavice with a resplendent Renaissance chateau. We'll cross the border to Austria and visit the picturesque wine growing area of Galgenberg. Meandering through the peaceful countryside we arrive to Mikulov. This hidden gem will capture your attention with its Baroque Castle and wine museum. There is also a historic synagogue and a local curiosity – a gigantic wine cask big enough for a chamber orchestra. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Mikulov – Mistelsbach – transfer to Vienna, 38 mi. (55 km) 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 Herrnbauergarten Village. The village is famous for its poetic museum of nonsense and we will continue bikeing to the wine museum in Poysdorf. 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 cycle day in Mistelbach and we'll take the transfer to our final destination the beautiful and romantic city of Vienna. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast)

Day 10: Individual departure from Vienna. We recommend you book extra night(s) in Vienna - former capital of the Habsburg Monarchy, town of the waltz and opera. (Meals included: breakfast)

Price per person: \$2300 (from 7 people on)

Price includes: - 9 overnights with breakfast in Hotels 3* with on suite facilities - 8 dinners (sometimes in hotel, sometimes in good restaurant outside the property). Dinner in Vienna is NOT included in the price - English speaking tour guide on a bike - support vehicle with a bike trailer - quality classic trekking bike Sub Cross 30 with one bike (back) pannier - all transfers as described in tour program - luggage transfers between the hotels - tour preparation, organization and VAT. *Tour guide and support vehicle are included from Day 1 at 6.30pm when they meet with the group in Hotel in Prague until the end of the programe on Day 9 in the afternoon in Vienna.

Optional supplements: – single accommodation \$225

- electric bike \$355 (Scott E Sub Active Unisex plus one bike (back) pannier) - helmet rent \$25

What's not included: - arrival / departure to / from first / last hotel - flight tickets - travel insurance - bicycle protection - gratuity - entrance fees - lunch's, drinks and all other expenses that are not mentioned in what's included description

Accomodations; Mixture of 3* and 4* hotels & private guesthouse's with on suite facilities.

Category: Moderate cycling holiday

Key information; Fully supported cycling tour with a tour guide on a bike plus a support vehicle with a bike trailer.

Date: 8/19/20 – 8/29/20 (9 nights/10 days).

*Extra nights before / after tour on request. We would be happy to assist you with bookings.