



Prague to Vienna

'A fascinating ride between two of Europe's great cities'



Town Hall Square, Prague

- **Prague & Vienna: two wonderful, cultural capitals**
- **Historic small towns of south Bohemia and Moravia, including two designated by Unesco**
- **Beautiful countryside with forests and lakes along the old 'Iron Curtain'**
- **3 star hotels**
- **Self-guided or guided group tour options**
- **Extend your stay in Prague or Vienna**

Prague and Vienna are central Europe's foremost exponents of style and elegance, and this rewarding tour allows you to link them and see some fine countryside and wonderful old towns, preserved with great care. The Czech-Austrian border area of south Bohemia and Moravia is a land of rolling countryside, beautiful small lakes and pristine forest. Castles abound as testament to former struggles amongst nobles and royal families. In more recent times this was 'frontline' territory, and some areas were forbidden even to native Czechs before the Iron Curtain was swept aside in 1989. The forested border area is known as 'Czech Canada' – an indication of its scenic grandeur.

A transfer takes you out of Prague south to Cesky Krumlov, avoiding busy roads. You will have plenty of time to explore Cesky Krumlov, the best preserved medieval town in Europe, deservedly entered on Unesco's Heritage List. The lake area of Trebon follows and then the wooded border area before the renaissance town of Telc, which also features on Unesco's list. Continue through the wine-growing area of south Moravia to the cultural towns of Znojmo with its warren of small streets and impressive castle, and Mikulov with its delightful Renaissance and Baroque houses. Crossing into Austria you have a short journey to either Poysdorf or Mistelbach where the tour minibus driver can pick you up and take you to Vienna, again avoiding busier roads.

You can enjoy this itinerary as part of a group on certain dates. A tour guide will cycle with you and help you get the most from this rewarding route. Please see Prices and Departure Dates for further details.

ITINERARY

8 nights: Arr ✈ Prague

- Day 1 Prague ■ Arrival**
Make your own way to your hotel in Prague.
- Day 2 Cesky Krumlov ■ Transfer**
Morning transfer by minibus from your hotel to Cesky Krumlov. At leisure to explore this fine old town with its large market square, winding cobbled streets, and impressive church and castle with decorated tower. Your evening meal is taken in a restaurant close to the hotel.
- Day 3 Cesky Krumlov – Trebon ■ Cycling**
38m; 61km
A scenic ride through the hilly landscape near Cesky Krumlov, leading to gentler terrain near the major spa resort of Trebon.
- Day 4 Trebon – Telc ■ Cycling 48m; 78km**
The trail winds amongst many lakes to Pelslak and then through the forests of the National Park to Telc. Beautiful houses look out on the best-preserved Renaissance square in the Czech Republic.
- Day 5 Telc – Vranov ■ Cycling 35m; 54km**
Cycle through hilly landscape and the charming villages of south Moravia to the small town of Vranov, overshadowed by its fairytale chateau on a cliff high above the Dyje river.
- Day 6 Vranov – Znojmo ■ Cycling 23m; 37km**
You follow the River Dyje close to the Austrian border on a beautiful trail through the national park of Dyje. A small detour takes you to the former Iron Curtain fence and lookout towers. You then move on through the wine-producing region of south Moravia to Znojmo, a town with a large shopping area and two-part main square. A large part of Znojmo's castle has been converted into a brewery.
- Day 7 Znojmo – Mikulov ■ Cycling 43m; 70km**
A flat route through vineyards and wine cellars where you can indulge. Mikulov is a delightful town with a fine castle, painstakingly rebuilt after destruction by the retreating Germans at the end of World War Two. Explore the many attractive streets and houses.
- Day 8 Mikulov – Vienna ■ Cycling 16, 30, 60m; 25, 48, 96km**
Cross the border at the Mikulov checkpoint, now just marked by a picnic area, and cycle through the small villages and vineyards of northern Austria. Shorten your journey to Vienna by arranging a pick up by the tour minibus in Poysdorf or Mistelbach and arrive in Vienna for the final included night of the tour. Enjoy the many sights of this wonderful city.
- Day 9 Vienna ■ Departure**
Make your own way to Vienna Airport, transfer back to Prague, or enjoy an extra night or two in the Austrian capital.



Telc



Country cycling

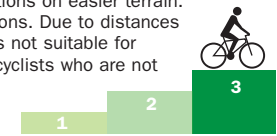


Astronomical clock, Prague

TOUR & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Terrain
Minor roads or cycling tracks. Some hilly sections on days 3,4, and 5 but many sections on easier terrain. Some short offroad sections. Due to distances and gradients, this tour is not suitable for children under 14 or for cyclists who are not reasonably fit.

Climate
Summer temperatures are normally above 20°C (68°F) between May and September with a peak of 26°C (79°F) in July. Rainfall is light in these months.



Travel Information
Flights to Prague are widely available with many low cost carriers. Please check the schedules of Easyjet, Ryanair, bmiBaby, Jet 2, Wizzair for latest flight information. Flights from Vienna to the UK are available with British Airways, Austrian Airlines, or Air Berlin.

Transfer Information
Taxi from Prague airport to your hotel on arrival. Cost is about 26 euros. Transfer out to Vienna Airport by high speed rail link (CAT – City Airport Train) 8 euros, or taxi about 35 euros. If travelling back to Prague from Vienna, train takes 4 hours and costs approx 60 euros.

Currency
The Czech Republic is not yet part of the Eurozone. Czech crowns (korun) are available at many exchange outlets at Prague airport or in the city. Euros are also accepted at many restaurants and shops. Austria is part of the Eurozone.

PRICES

Prices are per person and exclude flights. Board basis is bed & breakfast on the self-guided tour with an option for 6 evening meals on cycling days. On the guided tour there are 8 nights B&B plus 6 evening meals on cycling days.

	ALL DATES
SELF-GUIDED	
8 nights 8n B&B	£ 759
8 nights with 6n Half Board Option	£ 829
GUIDED	
8 nights 6n Half Board; 2n B&B	£ 879

Single room supplement £16 per night.

DEPARTURE DATES 2010

Self-Guided Tours	Any day between 1 April and 31 October
Guided Tours	1 May, 12 June, 24 July, 21 August, 18 September



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna