# **SPICEROADS** CYCLING





# **CYCLING PRAGUE TO VIENNA**

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Group Size 8 Minimum Age



Prague Vienna

Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) Vienna International Airport (VIE)

4-16 riders 18 (on scheduled departures)

# PRICING

Price

US\$ 3,550 Bike Hire (Hybrid ) Included Bike Hire (e-Bike\*) US\$ 220 Single Supplement US\$ 450

\*E-bikes are in limited supply, please enquire to reserve one.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- SpiceRoads jersey
- Water bottle
- Support vehicle
- Guide(s)
- Meals (as indicated)
- Hotel drop off
- Accommodation
- Bike and helmet
- Snacks and drinks

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- International flights X
- X Domestic flights
- Airport pick up ×
- Airport drop off ×
- Visa fees X
- Alcohol X
- Tips X

# **ACTIVITY PROFILE**



# 473 Avg climbing / day

Total cycling distance

362 km

8 DAYS

7 NIGHTS

37

Tour Code

MCT-PTV

# **DEPARTURES**

Avg distance / day



21 September - 28 September 2025 31 May - 07 June 2026 20 September - 27 September 2026

# **TRIP PROFILE**

We ride 362 km over 6 cycling days. We bike along an excellent network of roads and paths through the Bohemian and Moravian countryside of the Czech Republic. We do not ride in Austria on this tour. Days 2 and 7 are, respectively, gentle warm-up and cool-down rides while the days in between involve longer routes on undulating terrain. We ride from the morning to the early afternoon, with the remainder of the day at your own leisure to immerse yourself in the charm of Czech towns bursting with history and culture. Please note that entrance fees to castles, museums, and other types of heritage sites that require payment to enter are not included. Your guide will discuss options for independent afternoon explorations in the town's visited. The trip is fully supported, and your guide's expert knowledge of the area and terrain means that you always know what is coming up in terms of distance and difficulty. This makes a tremendous difference, as does the constant supply of water and refreshments along the way.

**Suitability:** This tour is suitable for anyone with a reasonable level of fitness. Having some experience in the saddle is recommended to comfortably ride the longer distances. Most days include undulations but gradients are generally gentle so the climbing is not too strenuous (there are exceptions!). There is no technical riding required on this tour, but having good handling skills will be an asset to navigate non-paved sections. A support vehicle is always nearby to offer refuge to any weary cyclists. As the majority of the riding takes place on paved roads, this tour is not suitable for any riders seeking off-road experiences.

**Biking Conditions:** The majority of the riding takes place on "Greenways trails", a network of historic hiking routes connecting Prague to Vienna reserved exclusively for non-motorized travel. Around 90% of the route is on paved roads which are mostly in good condition, though broken asphalt, road debris, and potholes do present themselves. The remaining 10% are on gravel paths and some off-road trails. Coming in and out towns, as well as near popular tourist attractions, we will share the roads with cars and buses and rules of traffic must be observed. While rainfall is uncommon during the months we schedule our tours, showers can occur at any time – we generally ride rain or shine though, based on the guide's discretion or your level of comfort, modifications to the planned route can be made. It's all part of the adventure!



# Day 1 Meet in Prague

Welcome to Prague, the "City of a Hundred Spires". We suggest arriving a day or two before the tour begins so you can explore the Czech capital's many sights, such as Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles Bridge, the Old Town Square and, of course, countless cafes and bars! On arrival day, we meet at our tour hotel in the late afternoon and head out for a trip briefing and welcome dinner. Please let us know if you require assistance with airport transfers and pre-tour hotel bookings.

Hotel Essence

# Day 2 Prague – Holašovice – Český Krumlov

Let the adventure begin! Using our support vehicle we fast-track ourselves into the countryside of South Bohemia via a two hour transfer. Our starting point couldn't be more scenic: the baroqueera village of Holašovice. Awarded as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for being an outstanding example of a traditional Central European village, Holašovice's colorful and intricate facade of farmsteads transports us back in time to pre-modern rural Europe. Near the village, we'll saddle up and enjoy a gentle 30 km warm-up ride through the Bohemian countryside of rolling hills, meadows, fields, and villages. Our destination is the medieval town of Český Krumlov, with its towering castle and charming historic center nestled in a meander of the Vltava River. Český Krumlov is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and in the afternoon you can admire the wellpreserved medieval architecture, visit the town square, and explore the shops and cafes that line the cobblestoned streets.

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# Day 3 Český Krumlov – Třeboň

Departing from Český Krumlov, we enjoy a blissful morning ride through the southern Bohemian countryside leading east to the region of Třeboň. We ride through an area of oak woods, marshes and an extensive network of fish ponds, many of which date back to the 15th and 16th centuries and continue to be a vital part of the region's ecology, economy, and culture. Carp is the staple and a celebrated fish in the region! We hop from pond to pond to reach the town of Třeboň, another rustic Bohemian town bearing traces of centuries of history. For any beer connoisseurs we can arrange a tour of one of the oldest Czech breweries, Regent, dating to the 14th century (cost to be paid locally). Na zdraví (cheers)!



# Day 4 Třeboň – Telč

Today we transition from Bohemia to Moravia, another of Czech's historic regions with its own distinct culture and traditions. We have more ground to cover and the terrain becomes more hilly, but at this point our legs will be ready for it! We start by following trails that wind along more of the area's fish ponds until we reach the border with Austria, arriving at the town of Nová Bystřice for a relaxing lunch break. Continuing our route through forests and farmlands, we conclude today's ride in the enchanting town of Telč, renowned as one of the most photogenic townscapes in the country due its wonderfully preserved historic center (deservedly, a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Flanking a broad market square are rows of colorful Renaissance and Baroque style houses, inviting you to get cozy with a glass of Moravian wine and soak in the historic ambiance. Dinner is on your own tonight.



# Day 5 Telč – Znojmo

Another exciting day awaits as we traverse deeper into Moravia. Starting from Telč we head south along the floodplains of the Dyje River. While today the area appears rustically rural, it was, during the communist era, one of Europe's most tightly guarded borders on the edge of the Iron Curtain. After around 30 km, we pass through the town of Jemnice, renowned for its colorful facades and well-preserved Renaissance chateau, and then continue onwards through wooded and hilly backcountry roads. A final highlight of today's route is riding below the castle of Vranov nad Dyjí, gracefully perched on a hilltop and considered a gem of Czech baroque architecture. From here it is only a short distance to the historic town of Znojmo, known as the gateway to southern Moravia, where we spend the night. We are now in the heart of Czech wine country!



# Day 6 Znojmo – Valtice

We ride further through the south Moravian countryside, venturing deeper into a landscape of vineyards and Old World charm along the Austrian border. A highlight of today's ride is a stop in the town of Mikulov, another picture-perfect little town with a prominent castle looming over a cluster of red-roofed houses. From Mikulov It is only a short distance to our final destination, the town of Valtice, where we will be based for the final two nights of the tour. Renowned for its stunning Baroque architecture, Valtice is dominated by the grand Valtice Castle, a stunning Baroque château and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our hotel is located directly in the left wing of the Valtice Castle, giving us a unique opportunity to be immersed in its timeless and regal ambiance.



# Day 7 Valtice-Lednice Loop & Wine Tasting

Today is the tour's cool-down ride, cycling a 35 km loop with a spotlight on the area of Lednice. The entire area, known as the "Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape", is of such significance that it has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. At the heart of Lednice's allure is its castle which stands as a masterpiece of Neo-Gothic architecture surrounded by expansive English-style gardens, serene lakes, and lush forests. The castle and its grounds were once the summer residence of the ruling Liechtenstein family, and today they offer visitors a glimpse into a bygone era of opulence and grandeur. After some time exploring this vast area by foot, we'll cycle back to Valtice where we celebrate our cycling achievements with a private wine tasting in one of the Czech Republic's oldest wine cellars. Even if you are not a wine drinker, the experience offers an interesting behind-the-scenes look at age old traditions! In the evening we meet for a farewell dinner.



# Day 8 Valtice – Vienna

Time to say goodbye to the Czech Republic! We have been flirting with Austria from across the border for several days but the time has come to finally cross into the country. After breakfast and some time at leisure in Valtice we'll transfer you to your post-tour hotel in Vienna. The total driving time is around one hour and we aim to get you there in time for lunch so that you can enjoy the afternoon in the city. The tour ends with a drop off at your post-tour hotel in Vienna. Want to continue the cycling fun? Then book our 'Cycling Vienna to Budapest" tour which begins with a trip briefing and welcome dinner this evening.

)⊎ ]] Breakfast Disclaimer: The adventure cycling tours we operate often go beyond the beaten track, and the countries where we ride are not always predictable. Due to these reasons, it is occasionally necessary to reroute or update itineraries. Our guarantee is that we will not change a trip unless for safety or to improve it. Our listed hotels are always accurate at the time of writing, but should we have to change any hotel, it will always be for a similar or better one.

## **NUTS & BOLTS**

#### Bikes

Bikes are included for this tour and are well-known makes of hybrid bikes. All bicycles contain Shimano components, suspended fork and a rear rack for a panniers. Helmet hire is included, however you are welcome to bring your own seat and/or pedals, and we'll fit them to your bike for the tour.

# E-Bikes are also available. Please enquire for the price and reservation. E-bikes are in limited supply.

#### **Bike Repairs**

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

#### Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

#### Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

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### AUSTRIA

#### **Passports and Visas**

Visa requirements for Austria vary depending on the traveler's nationality and the purpose of their visit. Citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) do not need a visa and can freely enter and stay in Austria. Additionally, citizens from certain countries like the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand can enter Austria for tourism or business purposes for up to 90 days within a 180-day period without a visa. For many other nationalities a visa is generally required to enter Austria. Visitors need to apply for a Schengen Visa, which allows travel within the Schengen Area, including Austria. See here for more information.

#### Health

See here for recommendations and detailed information.

#### Weather

Austria has mild springs from March to May, with temperatures ranging from 10-20°C (50-68°F). Warm summers span from June to August, with temperatures typically between 15-25°C (59-77°F). Fall extends from September to November, with temperatures ranging from 5-15°C (41-59°F). Winter lasts from December to February, with temperatures from -5-5°C (23-41°F). The best time for cycling is late spring/early summer and late summer/early fall, when temperatures are pleasant and you can avoid the peak rush of the summer tourism season.

#### Food

Meals are included as per the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

Austrian food is much more than just Schnitzel and chocolate cake but you'll definitely want to try those as well!

Any special dietary requirements can also be catered for as well. Please let us know at the time of booking.

#### Drink

Keeping you completely hydrated is a job we take very seriously. Water and a regular supply of refreshments are included in the tour price while riding. Soft drinks and other beverages during meals are not included. But you may also want to bring electrolyte in powder or tablet form. Alcoholic drinks are available everywhere, but are NOT included in the price. Austria has plenty of choices of homegrown wine, beer and spirits. Prost!

#### Solo Travelers

SpiceRoads does not require you to pay a surcharge for travelling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same gender and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

#### Extra Expenses

We recommend that you tuck away a few extra Euros for possible incidentals that might arise. It is always wise to have some paper currency in case of ATM absence or credit card problems. This will save you a lot of unnecessary worries. It is also customary to tip local tour guides and drivers; however, the amount you give should be dependent on the level of service you receive. As a general guide we suggest that €5-10 per person per day is appropriate.

Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted throughout the country, but that is not a guarantee, especially in mom & pop shops in rural areas.

Tourist Tax: The tourist tax varies depending on the region and the type of accommodation. The fee is between 1 - 5 Euros per person/per night. This amount needs to be paid directly and in cash - hence why we do not include it in the tour price and you will be expected to pay this where necessary.

#### Money

The currency used in Austria is the Euro (€).

### CZECH REPUBLIC

#### **Passports and Visas**

Visa requirements for the Czech Republic vary based on the nationality of the traveler and the purpose of their visit. Citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) are not required to obtain a visa and can freely enter and stay in the Czech Republic. Moreover, nationals from certain countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand can visit the Czech Republic for tourism or business purposes for up to 90 days within a 180-day period without needing a visa. However, for many other nationalities, a visa is typically necessary to enter the Czech Republic. Visitors from these countries must apply for a Schengen Visa, which permits travel within the Schengen Area, including the Czech Republic. For further details, please see here

#### Health

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#### Weather

In the Czech Republic, spring spans from March to May with mild temperatures ranging from 10-20°C (50-68°F). Summer brings warmth from June to August, with temperatures typically between 15-25°C (59-77°F). Fall extends from September to November, offering cooler temperatures of 5-15°C (41-59°F). Winter settles in from December to February, with temperatures ranging from -5-5°C (23-41°F). For optimal cycling conditions, late spring/early summer and late summer/early fall are recommended, providing pleasant temperatures and avoiding the peak summer tourism season.

#### Food

Meals are included as per the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

The Czech Republic may be well-known for it's hefty dishes and beers, but there's also a more delicate side of artisanal delicacies and fine wines.

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#### Money

The currency used in the Czech Republic is the Czech koruna (CZK).

# **GENERAL BOOKING INFO**

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place:

#### FLEXIBLE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Booking a SpiceRoads cycling adventure is easy and we try to do everything possible to make sure you have full flexibility and peace of mind. We do not require a deposit to hold your place on a tour and once full payment has been made your money is protected in our client account and you have the flexibility to cancel or change your booking if needed.

## CONFIRMING YOUR BOOKING

Just complete our online booking form or send your booking details offline (email or post), and we will confirm your participation. No deposit is needed to confirm your place on a SpiceRoads tour.

You are advised to read our <u>Booking Conditions</u> in full before you make your payment and should you require further clarifications of any of the conditions below, please <u>email us</u> or call our office.

### **TRIP STATUS**

There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other travel arrangements. If the trip status is 'Limited' will mean we have only a small number of spaces available for booking. If you are unsure about the trip status, please <u>email us</u> or call our office.

#### **BOOKING ONLINE**

From the tour page, click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. For the next steps, you'll need to know the names of the people travelling. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height (for bike hire), or you can add that later by logging into <u>Manage My Trip</u> (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). Our system will contact you from time to time to fill in the missing information, as it will be required before departure. However, if the trip that you are booking offers a child discount, you will have to fill out the date of birth of each rider (so we can calculate the appropriate discount).

If you are having any problems <u>please send us an email</u>, or give us a call (+66 026 3295) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

### **BOOKING OFFLINE**

Just call us or send an email indicating which trip you want to join and we will happily send you a list of questions and process your booking for you.

#### DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

We do not require a deposit or full payment to book a place for you on a tour.

The balance of the tour's cost (final invoice) will need to be paid 60 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights.

In the case where a booking is made when there are less than 60 days until the tour departure date, the tour's cost should be paid in full within 72 hours of receiving an invoice from SpiceRoads. Payment can be made by credit card using our online payment gateway or by bank transfer. When making payment online you will need to confirm that you have read these booking conditions during the "checkout" process, which equates to agreeing to the terms of services and stipulations as indicated in this document.

In all cases, tour fees need to be paid "in full" before participation in a tour. No person(s) will be allowed to join a tour without fully settling their invoice and receiving a confirmation number from SpiceRoads.

The exception can be made for last-minute miscellaneous fees that can be paid locally (visas, additional local hotel bookings, etc.) can be settled on the day of arrival.

# FULL FLEXIBILITY FOR TOUR CANCELATIONS

If the tour is cancelled or postponed by SpiceRoads because we didn't make the trip numbers and the tour can't run, we will make a full cash refund (by bank transfer or on your credit card).

If the tour is cancelled for any other reason, including due to Covid related travel restrictions, we will give you a full credit (with no deductions for admin or any other small-print item) to use on any SpiceRoads tour with no time limit. (Exceptions being flights, special permits and other non-refundable items and these will be advised when booking the trip).

Before paying for your tour, you can cancel your booking with no charge and up until 40 days before departure, you can change your booking to another travel date or move your booking onto another SpiceRoads tour with no charges.

If you need to cancel after you have made full payment, please see our cancellation policy.

#### Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us, we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for a loyalty discount.

#### International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme

circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your <u>travel insurance</u> that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

#### Newsletter

Our adventure travel <u>e-newsletter</u> is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from SpiceRoads, be sure to subscribe.

The information in this document is given in good faith, and covers the average range of conditions likely to be found on this trip. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, however, we will always do our best to adhere to this original itinerary

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