SPICE ROADS
CYCLING

TOURING

CYCLING PRAGUE TO VIENNA

Tour Code
MCT-PTV

8 DAYS
7 NIGHTS

Destinations	Czechia, Austria
Tour Meets	Prague
Tour Ends	Vienna
Fly in to	Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG)
Fly out of	Vienna International Airport (VIE)
Group Size	4-16 riders
Minimum Age	18 (on scheduled departures)

ACTIVITY PROFILE

6 Cycling days	**362** km Total cycling distance
60 km Avg distance / day	**473** m Avg climbing / day

PRICING

Price	US$ 3,695
Bike Hire (Hybrid Bike)	Included
Bike Hire (E-Bike)	US$ 220
Single Supplement	US$ 460

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

DEPARTURES

20 Sep - 27 Sep 2026
30 May - 06 Jun 2027
19 Sep - 26 Sep 2027

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
- ✗ Domestic flights
- ✗ Airport pick up
- ✗ Airport drop off
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

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 Czechia. 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 Dinner

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 baroque-era 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 well-preserved medieval architecture, visit the town square, and explore the shops and cafes that line the cobblestoned streets.

Penzion Familia Breakfast

Ride 30km +551m -568m

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)!

Hotel Galerie Breakfast

Ride 50km +524m -572m

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.

Hotel Anton Breakfast, Dinner

Ride 80km +633m -553m

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!

Pension Solnice | Breakfast

Ride 90km | +680m | -891m

Day 6: Znojmo – Mikulov

We ride further through the south Moravian countryside, venturing deeper into a landscape of vineyards and Old World charm along the Austrian border. Today's ride takes us to Mikulov, another picture-perfect little town with a prominent castle looming over a cluster of red-roofed houses. After the last few days of long rides, this might be a good evening to try the local red or white wine varieties over dinner!

Hotel Galant | Breakfast

Ride 70km | +320m | -422m

Day 7: Valtice-Lednice Loop & Wine Tasting

From Mikulov It is only a short distance to the town of Valtice. Renowned for its stunning Baroque architecture, Valtice is dominated by the grand Valtice Castle, château and UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will then continue to 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. We'll then cycle back to Mikulov and meet in the evening for a farewell dinner.

Hotel Galant | Breakfast, Dinner

Ride 45km | +131m | -137m

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

Austria is a core member of the Schengen Area. Citizens of the UK, US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand do not require a visa for short-term tourism and are permitted to stay for up to 90 days within any 180-day period. All visa-exempt travellers are required to obtain a valid ETIAS approval prior to arrival; this digital registration is linked to your passport and remains valid for three years. Additionally, the Entry/Exit System (EES) is operational at all international borders, involving a biometric registration of facial images and fingerprints upon your first entry into the Schengen zone. For citizens of the EU, Switzerland, and Norway, entry is permitted with a valid National ID card or passport. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended date of departure.

Health & Insurance

No specific vaccinations are mandatory for entry to Austria. It is advisable to be current on standard boosters such as Tetanus and Hepatitis A/B. Comprehensive travel insurance is essential and should specifically cover cycling activities and mountain medical evacuation, particularly if you are heading into the Tyrolean Alps. If you are an EU citizen, ensure you carry a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). UK citizens should carry a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) to access reciprocal state-provided healthcare for necessary medical treatments.

Weather

The prime window for cycling in Austria is from May to September, when the valley paths are at their most vibrant.

- **The Best Window:** June, July, and August offer the most consistent warmth, with temperatures typically ranging between 20°C and 26°C.
- **Alpine Variability:** In the high mountains, weather can shift rapidly. Even in midsummer, temperatures at the summit of an Alpine pass can be significantly lower than in the valley below.
- **Shoulder Season:** May and September provide crisp, clear riding conditions and fewer crowds, though some high-altitude passes may still have snow or early autumn frosts.
- **Gear:** A high-quality, lightweight waterproof shell is a mandatory piece of kit for any Alpine journey, as mountain thunderstorms are a common summer afternoon occurrence.

Food

Austrian cuisine is a refined celebration of Central European comfort, focusing on high-quality dairy, meats, and pastries. You must try the iconic **Wiener Schnitzel** (veal or pork cutlet) and **Kaspressknödel** (pressed cheese dumplings). In the mountains, the food is designed for the high-altitude appetite, featuring hearty stews and artisanal Alpine cheeses. For dessert, the **Apfelstrudel** and the rich chocolate **Sachertorte** are cultural institutions. Most meals are served family-style or in traditional "Gasthof" settings, and we cater to all dietary needs. Please notify us of any requirements at the time of booking.

Drink

The tap water in Austria is world-renowned for its purity, as much of it is sourced directly from Alpine springs. We provide ample water and local snacks during every ride. Coffee is a way of life here; the "Kaffeehaus" culture is UNESCO-recognised and offers a dizzying array of varieties like the **Wiener Melange**. Austria also possesses an exceptional winemaking tradition, particularly the crisp **Grüner Veltliner** white wines of the Danube valley. For a post-ride refreshment, the local Märzen-style beers are a staple of any mountain hut. Please note that alcohol during meals is not included in the tour price.

Solo Travellers

SpiceRoads welcomes solo adventurers and does not charge a mandatory single supplement. We will arrange for you to share a room with another traveller of the same gender in twin-share accommodation. If no match is available, you will receive a single room at no additional cost. If you prefer to guarantee your own private room for the duration of the trip, a single supplement is available at the rate listed in the tour pricing.

Extra Expenses

Austria is a premium destination with prices reflecting its high standard of living. You should budget for personal incidentals such as artisanal pastries, visits to historic abbeys, or high-quality Alpine gear. Tipping in restaurants is standard; it is customary to "round up" the bill or add approximately 10% for good service. Small gratuities for your support crew are also a common gesture of appreciation.

Money

The currency is the Euro (€).

- **Card Acceptance:** Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in cities like Vienna and Salzburg.
- **ATMs:** Cash machines (Bankomat) are plentiful in all towns and regional hubs.
- **The Cash Culture:** Despite its modernisation, Austria retains a strong cash culture in rural areas. It is essential to carry Euro notes for use in small mountain huts, traditional village taverns, and local farm stalls where digital payments are often unavailable.

CZECHIA

Passports and Visas

Czechia is a member of the Schengen Area. Citizens of the UK, US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand do not require a visa for short-term tourism. All visa-exempt travellers are required to obtain a valid ETIAS approval prior to arrival. This digital registration is linked to your passport and is valid for three years. The Entry/Exit System (EES) is operational at all borders, involving a biometric registration of facial images and fingerprints upon entry into the Schengen zone. For citizens of the EU, Switzerland, and Norway, entry is permitted with a valid National ID card or passport. Ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended date of departure.

Health & Insurance

No specific vaccinations are mandatory for entry to Czechia. It is advisable to be current on standard boosters such as Tetanus and Hepatitis A/B. As cycling often involves forest trails, be mindful of ticks and consider a vaccination for tick-borne encephalitis if planning significant time in the backcountry. Comprehensive travel insurance is essential and should specifically cover cycling activities and medical evacuation. EU citizens should carry a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), while UK citizens should carry a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) to access reciprocal state-provided healthcare.

Weather

The prime window for cycling in Czechia is from April to October.

- **The Best Window:** May, June, and September offer the most comfortable riding temperatures, typically ranging between 18°C and 23°C, with a lush countryside or autumnal colours.
- **Summer Peak:** July and August are the warmest months, with temperatures occasionally reaching 30°C.
- **Shoulder Season:** April and October provide crisp mornings and unpredictable patterns, requiring versatile layers for sun-lit afternoons and cooler starts.
- **Gear:** A lightweight waterproof shell is recommended for sudden summer showers in the Bohemian forests.

Food

Czech cuisine is hearty and focused on local produce. You must try the national dish, **Vepřo-knedlo-zelo** (roast pork with bread dumplings and sauerkraut). Other staples include **Svíčková** (beef sirloin in a vegetable cream sauce) and traditional **Guláš**. The "rock cities" and forests provide a wealth of wild mushrooms and berries which feature heavily in seasonal menus. For a quick snack, look for **Bramboráky** (savory potato pancakes). All dietary needs are managed upon notification at the time of booking.

Drink

Czechia is the birthplace of Pilsner beer and possesses the highest per-capita beer consumption in the world. A visit to a local brewery to sample a fresh **Pilsner Urquell** or a regional craft lager is a mandatory part of the cultural experience. For something stronger, try **Becherovka**, a herbal liqueur from Karlovy Vary. Tap water is of excellent quality and safe to drink throughout the country. Coffee culture is prominent in the towns, often accompanied by traditional pastries like **Koláče**. Alcohol during meals is not included in the tour price.

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Extra Expenses

Czechia offers a high standard of living at a relatively affordable cost compared to Western Europe. Budget for personal incidentals such as world-renowned Bohemian glass, artisanal garnets, or high-quality outdoor gear. Tipping is standard practice; rounding up the bill or adding 10 percent for good service in restaurants is expected. Small gratuities for your support crew are also a common gesture of appreciation.

Money

The currency is the Czech Koruna (CZK).

- **Card Acceptance:** Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops in Prague and major regional centres.
- **ATMs:** Cash machines are plentiful and accept most international cards.
- **Rural Cash:** While digital payments are increasingly common, Czechia maintains a strong cash culture in rural villages and smaller taverns. It is essential to carry Koruna notes for use in local markets and for small purchases in the countryside.

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 Booking Conditions in full before you make your payment and should you require further clarifications of any of the conditions below, please email us 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 email us 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 Manage My Trip (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 please send us an email, 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 travel insurance that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

Newsletter

Our adventure travel e-newsletter 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.

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