



TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING
LEVEL

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Europe / Czech Republic / Austria

Czech Republic + Austria Bike Tour

From Prague to Vienna Along the Danube

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover castle ruins hidden in the green hills of Vysočina and pick fresh fruit from route-side trees
- Stroll the UNESCO-protected Pálava Hills that look out over three countries, then bike the former Iron Curtain patrol roads for a pointed lesson in Cold War history
- Visit the red-roofed artist enclave of Mikulov, at one time an important center of Judaism in Central Europe
- Ride to important vineyards in the Wachau Valley and sample ultimate expressions of Grüner Veltliner and Austrian Riesling



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Prague, Czech Republic
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
The Augustine Hotel in Prague
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
9:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Vienna, Austria
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Your Vienna Hotel or Vienna International Airport
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
Between 12:00–1:00 pm

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

Travelers Take Note

To show you all our favorite parts of the Czech Republic and Austria, this tour includes transfers on multiple occasions. We like to think of it as an opportunity to see more of the country en route to your next ride.

As a country, the Czech Republic is focused on energy efficiency. As a result, air conditioning may not be standard in hotels.

Moisture-wicking clothing or daypacks are recommended, but not required.

To show you the most on your tour and to avoid high-traffic areas there is occasional gravel riding on tour. Gravel surfaces are not as uniform as a typical paved road, however, they are generally very smooth. The bikes on this tour are designed specifically for all the surfaces we encounter on tour.

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Tour By Day

DAY
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Welcome to the Czech Highlands

Meet your guides in Prague for a transfer to the fabulous Chateau Herálec, where we're treated to a brief tour of the castle upon arrival. We'll get to know each other over a light lunch, followed by a bike fitting and safety talk. Hop on your bike for a warm-up ride on the tree-lined country roads of the Highlands region and through small villages clustered within the wide-open landscape. Your guides will get to know your riding level and bike comfortability with mixed-surface riding, adjusting your routes accordingly. Back at the hotel, stroll the grounds, stake out a place by the swimming pool or treat yourself to a massage at the hotel's L'Occitane spa. Tonight's dinner at our hotel's gourmet restaurant sets the tone for the incredible week ahead.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Bohemian-Moravian Highlands, Herálec

Accomplished: 15 miles / 25 km, elevation gain: 1,086 feet / 331 meters

Accommodations: [Chateau Herálec](#)

DAY
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Castles and Glassblowers

This morning, ride into the rolling countryside while marveling at ever-changing views of the iconic 14th-century Lipnice fortress. After a breathtaking descent to the romantic Sázava River, we'll join up with a newly built bike trail that snakes all the way through this beautiful region. Following the river, we arrive in Světlá nad Sázavou, the epicenter of the Czech glassmaking industry. Meet a local artisan who shows us how much finesse it takes to work with world-famous Bohemia crystal, then enjoy a picnic lunch of cheeses, cured meats, and local beers at Chateau Světlá nad Sázavou. Finish the day with a final climb or choose to hop in the van and head back our hotel. This evening, we dine in a castle lovingly restored by the owner and chef.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Bohemian-Moravian Highlands, Lipnice, Humpolec, Světlá

Accomplished: 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 2,989 feet / 911 meters

Accommodations: [Chateau Herálec](#)

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Iron Curtain Roads + UNESCO Palaces

Today we head south to Moravia, the vinous heart of the Czech Republic. Get comfortable in the van for a scenic transfer of roughly one hour and fifty minutes. Then a chance to stretch our legs with a short walk into the UNESCO-protected Palava Hills, leading us to the dramatic Orphan's Castle ruins. Here we'll take in spectacular views overlooking three countries' borders: the Czech Republic, Austria, and Slovakia. From here, we begin a downhill ride past the late Renaissance town of Mikulov and onto the former patrol roads of the Iron Curtain—a poignant reminder of life under communist rule. Weave through vineyard roads to the original lands of the royal Lichtenstein family in Lednice and pause to visit UNESCO-protected royal palaces. Back in Mikulov, we'll meet Petr, one of the Czech Republic's foremost wine experts, for a very special dinner peppered with Czech winemaking history and a tasting right in the cellar.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Palava Hills, Mikulov, Lednice

Accomplished: 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 1,385 feet / 422 meters

Longer Option: 34 miles / 55 km

Accommodations: [Hotel Volarik](#)

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4

Kamptal Palaces, Wines, and Heurigen

This morning, hit the snooze button, have a leisurely breakfast, or join your guides for a visit to one of the most important Jewish cemeteries in Central Europe. It's time to bid the Czech Republic farewell and transfer to Austria's Kamptal region, famous for its Grüner Veltliner and Riesling wines. Beginning at the Kamptal's Château Grafenegg—known for classical music concerts and festivals—we cycle through vineyards and villages en route to Langenlois, Austria's largest wine-producing village and home of the modern Loisiu wine center. Once we've visited the tasting rooms of renowned biodynamic wineries and family vintners, it's time to pedal along the Danube to the ancient town of Krems. We'll reach the medieval village of Dürnstein and our home for the next two nights, a renovated 13th-century convent furnished with works of art from the region. Dine on your own tonight in Dürnstein—your guides are glad to make a restaurant recommendation.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Grafenegg, Langenlois, Krems, Dürnstein

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 590 feet / 180 meters

Longer Option: 31 miles / 46 km

Accommodations: [Hotel Richard Löwenherz](#)

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The UNESCO Wachau Valley

Today we explore the breathtaking Wachau Valley, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our ride begins right from the hotel and travels through charming medieval villages and wineries where vines cascade off terraced mountains, almost tumbling into the river. Arrive in Melk where we will visit the remarkable monastery perched over the River Danube. Return via the Danube's right bank for a quieter perspective and try some family-made Marillenschnaps on the final push. A scenic ferry ride brings us back to the hotel before dinner at a family-run gastronomic restaurant, one of the greatest in Austria.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Wachau Valley, Dürnstein, Spitz, Melk

Accomplished: 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 1,148 feet / 350 meters

Accommodations: [Hotel Richard Löwenherz](#)

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Krems to Vienna

We cap off our adventure in Austria with a hike to the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner. At the top, we're rewarded with a staggering view of the Danube River framed by cascading vineyards, red-roofed villages, and verdant countryside. There's time for one last stroll through the fairytale streets back in Dürnstein before your guides transfer you to Austria's capital of Vienna and see you off to enjoy the "City of Music."

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Dürnstein, Vienna

Accomplished: 2 miles / 3 km hiking
