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TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Austria / Czech Republic

Czech Republic + Austria Family Bike Tour

Bohemian Forests and Baroque Castles from Vienna to Prague

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness a falconry demonstration in the meticulously manicured gardens of Lednice castle
- Raft on the same whitewater rapids featured in the Slalom World Cup
- Cross several UNESCO sites off your must-see list, including Prague Castle and the Wachau Valley
- Ride the flower-freckled former roads of the Iron Curtain for a pointed lesson in Cold War history
- Discover fairytale castles in the Kokořínsko Nature Preserve and enjoy the beautiful Vltava Valley







Arrival Details Airport City: Vienna, Austria Pick-Up Location: Your Vienna Hotel or Vienna International Airport Pick-Up Time: 1:00 pm

Departure Details

Airport City:
 Prague, Czech Republic

• Drop-Off Location: Hotel Paris in Prague

 Drop-Off Time: Between 1:00-2:00 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

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.

Younger Travelers

- This itinerary is designed with children age 7 and older in mind. The itinerary can be tweaked for your family's needs. For safety reasons, children must be at least 7 years old to ride their own bike.
- E-bikes are only available to ages 14 and older
- Trailers and tag-along bikes are available for younger children
- Safety triangles are provided to all children on tour

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Tour By Day

DAY 1

Vienna to Dürnstein

Meet your guides in Vienna, and we're off to the village of Dürnstein. Hike up to the ruins of Dürnstein Castle and learn about the Lionheart legend. We'll be rewarded at the top with a breathtaking view over the huge meandering Danube River and its cascading vineyards, small villages, and wonderful countryside. Back in Dürnstein you can explore this fairy tale town and visit the many wonderful shops. Enjoy the first of two evenings at the historic Hotel Richard Löwenherz.

Meals: Dinner Destinations: Dürnstein Accomplished: 2 miles / 3 km, elevation gain: 394 feet / 120 meters Accommodations: Hotel Richard Löwenherz



Cycling Along the Danube

Start the day riding towards Melk. Travel upstream through the charming medieval village of Weissenkirchen to the town of Spitz. While we ride along the Danube cycling path, stop and take a swing on the many playgrounds along the route. Take the ferry to the other bank and cycle along the river until reaching the town of Melk. Enjoy a sensational lunch in town. Then visit the Benedictine Monastery in Melk, which inspired Umberto Eco to write *The Name of the Rose*. Enjoy a boat trip back to Dürnstein, where the evening is yours to explore the town and try the local fare.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch Destinations: Wachau Valley, Melk, Dürnstein, Krems, Weissenkirchen Accomplished: 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 310 feet / 95 meters Accommodations: Hotel Richard Löwenherz

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A transfer will deliver us this morning to Breclav on the Czech-Austrian border to cycle into the UNESCO heritage sites of Lednice and Valtice, which contain two palaces of the Lichtenstein family. Taking the more scenic route, we'll be riding on light sand/gravel roads today We'll watch a falcon demonstration at the Lednice Château as the birds hunt fake animals in the gardens. At Valtice Château we'll explore the 14th-century wine cellars before coming out to former Iron Curtain roads. Bike the whole way or take the van to Mikulov. Before dining, we'll try some local Moravian wines, and for the kids, a very special grape juice tasting of local varietals. We'll enjoy an excellent meal together tonight before heading back to our hotel in town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Lednice, Valtice, Mikulov, Iron Curtain road Accomplished: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 330 feet / 100 meters Accommodations: Hotel Volarik

DAY 4

Bohemia

After breakfast we take a transfer to the Kokorinsko nature preserve—a forested landscape laced with hiking and biking trails. The transfer will be roughly four hours, with your guides offering opportunities to stretch your legs and grab a snack. Cycle through this beautiful area filled with sandstone formations and traditional wooden villages en route to the impressive medieval Kokorín Castle. Here, we'll hike to the top and be rewarded with amazing views of the area. Continue past a unique rock-cut home before arriving at Château Liblice, a 17th-century zamek, and your home for the evening. Kids who prefer to do more cycling can enjoy pedal carts around the Château's park. Enjoy a local Bohemian wine tasting with options for the whole family before dining at the hotel's award-winning restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Kokorinsko
Accomplished: 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 260 feet / 80 meters
Accommodations: Château Liblice

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A short morning drive brings us to the whitewater course in Veltrusy. After getting equipped with all the necessary equipment, go rafting on the artificial slalom course, where the national white water slalom cups are held every year. After this, make your way to the Renaissance Nelahozeves Chateau where we have a private tour through the chateau and a nice picnic in the courtyard. We start our ride on the Dvořák path, a short gravel path named for the famous composer, and whistle his classic tunes as we ride all the way to Prague. Finish with a short stroll through the city on the way to our hotel, just on the edge of the city center. The day ends in a stylish restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Veltrusy water channel, Nelahozeves, Veltrusy and Troja Chateaux, Prague Accomplished: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 190 feet / 60 meters Accommodations: Hotel Paris

DAY 6

Prague

This morning we're off to view the riversides of Old, New, and Lesser towns on foot—all of them under the shadow of the impressive Prague Castle. Kids can learn about the old ghosts of Prague and get lost in the mirror chamber. After one final lunch in the castle's elegant gardens, bid the city of a hundred spires goodbye as your guides see you off to your next adventure

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch **Destinations**: Prague

