

Wine & Iron Curtain Trails

Number of days	7
Number of nights	6
Number of cycling days	5
Total distance	245 km / 147 miles
Grade of difficulty	Easy

Highlights

- [Prague](#) – the capital city of Czech Republic Golden Crown monastery founded in 1263 by a foundation charter of King Přemysl Otakar II
- [Lednice/Valtice](#) Cultural Landscape
- Part of [Iron Curtain roads](#)
- [Pálava Protected Landscape Area](#)
- cultural centres of the Moravian region – [Znojmo](#) and [Mikulov](#)
- [Podyjí national park](#)
- [Vienna](#) – the capital city of Austria

Standard tour program

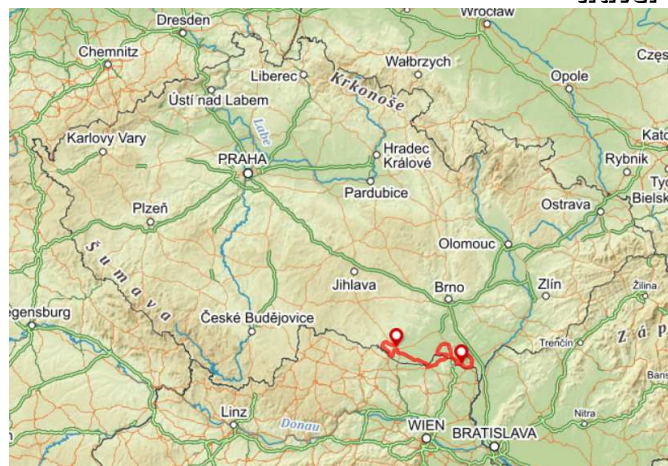
Day 1

Prague – arrival

Arrival to Prague, check-in to hotel. This day is up to you to explore Prague by yourself, relax, or have a unique Prague by bike tour. This tour is guided by Prague natives who truly love the city and are knowledgeable about much more than just tourist highlights (not included in the tour price.) Finish the day with a mug of good beer and authentic dinner. Extra nights in Prague are always recommended giving you the opportunity to fully explore the hidden corners of this beautiful city!

Day 2 - Transfer to Moravia, Lednice/Valtice Cultural Landscape (30 km / 18 miles miles by bicycle).

In the morning, you will be transferred to Southern Moravia by car (3.5 hours). Spend all day exploring the Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape – a castle complex that used to belong to the family of Lichtenstein. Under the care of this single family, the swampy area was transformed into a well thought out combination of castles and parks, sometimes also called “The Garden of Europe” or “The Garden Paradise”. You will have a chance to explore the castle and grounds, which is an outstanding work of human creativity. Since the complex is very large, a bike is the perfect mode of transportation because it allows you to experience this exceptional cultural site and get a good workout in the process. Enjoy the botanical garden, taste a few of the best wines of Czech Republic in Chateau wine cellar in Valtice, or visit one of many architectural wonders that makes this day one of the highlights of the whole trip!



Day 3

Břeclavsko and Iron Curtain roads (48 km / 30 miles by bicycle)

First part of today bike stage will lead us through beautiful deep woods along Dyje river exploring remaining parts of Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape. We will visit town of Breclav with a restored synagogue and castle ruin. Only few kilometers downstream we will find beautiful Pohansko chateau hidden just near the Austrian border. Second part of a day we will spend in former no men’s land following iron curtain roads on the border between Austria and Czech republic. Those interested in Cold war history can visit Iron curtain museum or learn more about the people who tried to cross the border, border guards or simply about people who lived close to it on one of many boards along the way. We will conclude the day in the town of Mikulov which will welcome you with its Baroque castle, historical townsquare, unique old synagogue and a local curiosity – a giant wine cask. Mikulov is hidden gem and probably nicest place of our tour. Therefore we spend here two nights.

Great advantage of this day is that we spend almost whole day on bike trails.

Day 4

Pálava Hill loop (48 km / 30 miles by bike)

Today we will explore Pálava hill and its surroundings. Due to unique combination of vineyards, castle ruins and lime stone formations it has been inscribed on UNESCO biospheric list and earned nick name Mediterranean of Czech republic. We start up the hill to get all the amazing views of surrounding area. If sky is clear you can see Czech-Austrian-Slovakian border. The small town of Pavlov will be your first stop. The town is “guarded” by Devin castle ruin. Take a break for walk through traditional village or climb up to the castle ruins for an amazing view at Nové Mlýny water dam. After that continue through the village of Dolni Vestonice, which is known due to a rare archeological find, one of the oldest woman statue in the world, the Venus of Vestonice. To get back to the town of Mikulov, you will continue through the vineyard region and around the Palava Hills venturing as far as the border crossing near Nový Přerov. The last part will easily meander towards Mikulov giving you some of the best views of it with the castle nesting majestically above the town.

As this day is a loop it offers lot of alternatives. Really interesting one is change bike for hiking shoes and hike across

Pálava hill visiting three castle ruins, cave complex and traditional villages.

Day 5

Mikulov – Znojmo (66 km / 41 miles by bike)

Today we start cycling to the west crossing the border to Austria. First stop is an Austrian iconic wine cellar “village” – Wildendürbach. This picturesque place was created by a high number of wine cellars covering a small hill and creating a village with a lot of wine but no permanent inhabitants. From here on we bike through the countryside to the spa town of Laa, where we can stop for an early lunch. After this we cross the border back to the Czech Republic and bike along the Greenways bike trail Prague-Vienna. The next stop is the small town of Jaroslavice with a renaissance chateau, historical Slup watermill before we conclude the day in Znojmo. This old royal town welcomes us with panoramic views of Podyjí NP, a lively and well preserved old historical town center and a castle.

Day 6

Podyjí NP Loop and Znojmo (52 km / 32 miles by bike)

This day lets you choose again whether you prefer biking or hiking. The bike option takes us through the small villages to the west all the way to Čížov. This little village treasures one of the last preserved barbed wire lines and border guard towers of the original Iron Curtain. Further to the south we get to a breathtaking viewpoint over the border to the smallest town in Austria – Hardegg. To finish the loop we turn back to the East and continue again along the national Park to Znojmo. Should you like to bike a little more, you can turn to the scenic Šobes vineyard – once awarded as one of the best vineyards in the world and Šatov historical village!

The hiking option can start either from the town directly towards the national park, or by a short bus transfer.

Day 7

Transfer to Vienna

In the morning, transport by car/train for the city of waltz, opera, and famous coffee! The capital city of Austria is your final destination of this wine tour around Czech Republic and Austria. You can always extend your stay in Vienna to explore the UNESCO protected city center, the Schönbrunn Castle, and many other sights that are too beautiful and unique to be missed. Accommodations, guided city tours, and transfer back to Prague can be arranged!

Special offer:

Spend a few days in Prague before the tour. We will send you the best available offer for the hotel you choose from www.avehotels.cz.

Included on Self Guided tour

- 6 nights in chosen category Standard or Premium
- 6 Buffet breakfast
- Transfer from Prague to Valtice
- GPX data and off-line maps for smartphones
- Maps of towns of accommodation on the tour (per room)
- Detailed cycling maps (per room)
- Program and Route Book (per room)
- Transfer to Vienna
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- 24/7 AVE hotline

Included on Guided Group tour

- Welcome briefing in Prague
- 6x accommodation standard hotels and B&B
- 6x Buffet breakfast
- 3x Dinners
- Specialized bicycle tour leader
- Support minibus
- Refreshments in the supporting vehicle
- Water for bike-flasks
- Maps of towns of accommodation on the tour (per room)
- Detailed cycling maps (per room)
- Program and Route Book (per room)
- Transfer to Vienna
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Additional charge

Local tax payable on spot (approx. € 1 - 2 per person/night).

Arrival / Parking / Departure

Start of the tour – Prague

End of the tour – Vienna

Airport - Václav Havel airport in Prague

Car parking in Prague for 19 € per night

Train station – Prague



Bike rental

- standard trekking bike, 24 gears or more
- e-bike
- accessories:
 - a handlebar bag (only standard bike)
 - a lock
 - a repair kit (on Self Guided option)
 - a rear pannier (on request)
 - a helmet (on request)



Optional

- a new helmet for a sale
- 29 € (has to be ordered in advance)



- a new cycling water bottle
- (has to be ordered in advance)

Prices and dates of departure

Tour type	Guided Group Tours	Self-Guided Individual Tours
Scheduled Tours	8.-24.06.2023 13.-19.08.2023	Daily, from April till the end of October
Price per person Cat B (based on double-room occupancy)	955 €	775 €
Single room Cat B	1140 €	960 €
Price per person Cat A (based on double-room occupancy)	n/a	970 €
Single room Cat A	n/a	1165 €
Dinners Cat B	3x included	114 €
Dinners Cat A	n/a	152 €
Bike rental	105 €	105 €
E-bike rental	175 €	175 €
Road bike rental	140 €	140 €

Optional services

- GPS device with recommended route – 15 €, has to be ordered in advance
- transfer airport-hotel in Prague
 - transfer of 1-3 persons - 29 €
 - transfer of 4-8 persons - 39 €
- 3 hour private walking tour in Prague
 - 38 Euro per person (for 2 persons)
 - 26 Euro per person (for 3 persons)
 - 18 Euro per person (for 5 persons and more)
- Bicycle trip to Karlstejn Castle - 55 € per person, minimum two persons
- new helmet for a sale - 29 € per piece

Note: Museums, castles etc. are generally closed on Mondays.

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