

Český Krumlov to Prague

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| Number of days | 8 |
| Number of nights | 7 |
| Number of cycling days | 6 |
| Total distance | 270-310 km 165 -185 miles |
| Grade of difficulty | Moderate |

Highlights

- [Český Krumlov](#) – well preserved medieval town
- [Golden Crown](#) monastery founded in 1263 by a foundation charter of King Přemysl Otakar II
- České Budějovice – home of original [Budweiser beer](#), optional tour with tasting
- Písek – a town with a remarkable historical centre and the oldest stone bridge in central Europe
- [Holy Mountain](#) monastery in Příbram
- [Mine museum](#)
- The communist's working/prison camp [Vojna](#)
- [Zbiroh](#) chateau from 13th century (Premium option)
- Točnick and Žebrák castle ruins
- [Karlštejn](#) gothic castle – the most important royal castle in the Middle Ages
- Prague – capital city of the Czech Republic
- Long paved paths through forests and along rivers

Standard tour program

Day 1

Prague – Český Krumlov (170 km / 110 miles by car)

Český Krumlov is a medieval town registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. You will have free time to see the world-renowned medieval and Renaissance town with its famous castle gardens.

Day 2

Český Krumlov – Hluboká nad Vltavou (42-57 km / 25-35 miles by bike, distance depends on the route)

Optional visit of Český Krumlov Castle, then we take a route along the scenic valley of the Vltava River. The first site to visit on the way is the monastery Zlata Koruna (the Golden Crown). We continue to České Budějovice (Budweis), optional tour with tasting. You stay over night in Hluboká nad Vltavou. Neo-gothic Chateau Hluboká nad Vltavou is perhaps the most romantic chateau in the Czech Republic. Extension – possible to visit also Holašovice village (UNESCO Heritage site).

Day 3

Hluboká nad Vltavou – Písek (53 km / 32 miles by bike)

We will pass nuclear power station Temelin and ride on to Písek, a picturesque town on the Otava River. The main attraction of Písek is a stone bridge from 13th century - the oldest stone bridge in central Europe.



Day 4

Písek – Příbram (58-68-72 km / 36-41-43 miles by bike, distance depends on the route)

This is the longest distance of the tour. You can choose between paved path and partly off-road route. We will pass by Orlik castle, where you can take a tour to see its splendidly decorated rooms.

At the end of the day's ride, you will arrive in Příbram. The town has been an important mining centre since the Middle Ages. However, the more recent history of the town is rather chilling. Many political prisoners were forced to work at the Příbram uranium mines during the Communist regime.

Day 5

Příbram – Žebrák / Zbiroh (Premium option) (37 km / 22 miles by bike)

We will visit a 14th - 17th century pilgrimage church with a monastery, Svata Hora (Holy Mountain), working camp or mine museum in the morning. Then we will continue the ride through this picturesque region. We will cycle through an extensive former military area in the beautiful forested hills of Brdy. You will cycle "in the middle of nowhere" on 9 metre-wide paved roads used by the army in the past. Premium option ends at Zbiroh chateau from 13th century where you will stay over a night.

Day 6

Žebrák – Karlštejn (42 km / 25 miles by bike) Zbiroh – Karlštejn (48 km / 29 miles, Premium option)

We will cycle from Žebrák to the impressive 14th century ruins of Točnick Castle. The middle part of the day leads through forested rolling hills. Shortly afterwards, we will arrive at Beroun. This is a medieval town in the heart of the Karstejn district with romantic valleys, caves, pits and localities where pre-historic fossils can still be found. The remaining part of the day follows the Berounka River through the romantic valley all the way to Karlštejn village. The premium option starts in Zbiroh and joins the standard route in 11 km at Točnick Castle.

Day 7

Karlštejn – Prague (40 km / 24 miles by bike)

Optional visit of Karlštejn castle. The Czech King and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV had built it as an impregnable fortress housing the imperial crown jewels and the most sacred relics.

The rest of the route is very easy as it leads along of the Berounka River and the Vltava River banks to Prague

Day 8

Breakfast and check out unless you decide to prolong your holiday in the Czech Republic.

Included on Self Guided tour

- Pick-up from any hotel in Prague on the first day of the tour
- 7x night in chosen category Standard or Premium
- 7x Buffet breakfast
- 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 starting point
- Transfer from ending point to the last hotel
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- 24/7 AVE hotline

Included on Guided Group tour

- Pick-up from AVE Hotel in Prague on the first day of the tour at an appointed time
- 7x accommodation standard hotels and B&B
- 7x Buffet breakfast
- 3x Dinner (no drinks)
- Specialized AVE 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 starting point
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- Luggage transfers between hotels

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 - Prague

Airport - Václav Havel airport in Prague

Car parking in Prague for 19 € per a night

Train station – Prague



Prices and dates of departure

| Tour type | Guided Group Tours | Self-Guided Individual Tours |
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| Scheduled Tours | 9.06.2024 8.09.2024 | Daily, from April till the end of October |
| Price per person Cat B (based on double-room occupancy) | 1290 € | 890 € |
| Single room Cat B | 1485 € | 1080 € |
| Price per person Cat A (based on double-room occupancy) | N/A | 1090 € |
| Single room Cat A | N/A | 1370 € |
| Bike rental | 88 € | 88 € |
| E-bike rental | 195 € | 195 € |
| Road/gravel bike | 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 - 38 €
 - transfer of 4-8 persons - 58 €
- 3 hour private walking tour in Prague
 - 49 Euro per person (for 2 persons)
 - 33 Euro per person (for 3 persons and more)
- Bicycle trip to Karlstejn Castle - 68 € per person, minimum two persons
- a new helmet for a sale - 35 € per piece

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



Bike rental

- standard trekking bike, 24 gears or more
- e-bike
- road/gravel
- 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
- 35 € (has to be ordered in advance)



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

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