

Austria/Czech Republic – Vienna to Prague



Trip Summary

The Czech Republic vibrates with charm and optimism...a mix of old and new, where peaceful rural hamlets share center stage with sophisticated cities and prosperous market towns. Our delightful biking and hiking routes set a comfortable pace for exploring Austria's renowned vineyards along the Danube, then on to the lush Czech Lake District and the remarkable Bohemian Forest. This is a visit you'll savor long after your tour ends.

Itinerary

Day 1: Dürnstein

We meet in the morning in Vienna and are transferred to Pöchlarn • Bicycle along the Danube through vineyards and wine villages to remarkable Melk Abbey • After your visit, continue along the famous Austrian wine route through the Wachau region to Dürnstein • Feed your appetite with a delicious meal at your hotel's restaurant during tonight's luscious welcome banquet • *(D) Overnight at Hotel Richard Löwenherz*

Day 2: Dürnstein

Today, hike through the woodlands, visiting the elaborate Stift Gottweig abbey, where you are treated to a lunch with an unforgettable view • We'll enjoy the surrounding forest before heading back to Dürnstein • This evening, we enjoy an informal dinner at a 'Heurigen' winery • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Hotel Richard Lowenherz*

Day 3: Ceske Budejovice

Transfer to the lovely gated town of Trebon, in the heart of the Czech Lake District • Explore the picturesque town center before mounting bicycles and biking to the lively red-roofed town of Ceske Budejovice • Tonight the group will gather together for a fun meal with traditional specialties before relaxing in your room for the rest of the night • *(B, D) Overnight at Grand Hotel Zvon*

Day 4: Cesky Krumlov Follow the hills toward the Bohemian Forest, then take a chairlift up Mount Klet for panoramic views • Enjoy a picnic lunch near Mount Klet • Continue through the forest before arriving in fanciful Cesky Krumlov where you will have time to sightsee on your own • Experiment at one of the many wonderful restaurants • *(B, L) Overnight at Hotel Ruze*

Day 5: Cesky Krumlov

After a guided visit of the Cesky Krumlov Renaissance castle and the Baroque theater, you'll canoe or kayak the Vltava river • Transfer back to Cesky Krumlov, to enjoy some free time in this amazing village • Hotel Ruze's dining room will serve up an exquisite farewell meal for the entire group tonight *(B, L, D) Overnight at Hotel Ruze*

Day 6: Prague

This morning we set off by bicycle to Prachatic • We'll say good bye to one beautiful village and say hello to Prague, the capital city gem of the Czech Republic • Tonight we'll have yet another amazing dinner on the final evening • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Paris Prague*



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Day 7: Prague

Enjoy one last breakfast before you are transferred to the Prague airport or Prague city • Most will opt to spend a few nights in Prague to explore its lively town center • (B) *No overnight*

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Cycling:

Day 1 bicycle mileage: 27

Day 3 bicycle mileage options: 22 / 32 / 34

Day 6 bicycle mileage options: 22 / 35

Hiking:

Day 2 hiking mileage options: 5/6

Day 4 hiking mileage options: 4/6

Day 5 Kayaking/Canoeing 2 hours

Discovery:

The Czech Republic offers some of the most pristine landscapes in all of Europe! Who can resist the alluring charm of its tiny hamlets, or the formal grandeur of imposing Baroque architecture? In Vienna, try one of the city's famous coffeehouses like Alt Wien, Demel and Frauenhuber without which no visit would be complete. See grand old castles, historic medieval towns, and meet the area's welcoming locals. Squeezed into a tight S-bend of the Vltava River, Cesky Krumlov never fails to impress. The Rococo theater is one of the few in the world to retain much of its original staging, with an ingenious system of flies and flats enabling it to have more than 40 scene changes without interruption of the action. Evenings, we'll enjoy fine dining and settle into cozy inns... the best in the region!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They take the time to explain the local history and daily sightseeing and route options. Each route has been carefully planned to include options to please each traveler's interests. Austin Adventures guides are available to help you select the distance that's right for you and to offer advice and assistance as you desire.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Nights 1 & 2: Hotel Richard Löwenherz

Named after Richard the Lionheart, the first true guest of note in Dürnstein, Hotel Richard Löwenherz offers guests what the illustrious English King enjoyed eight centuries ago—true royal treatment. The hotel sits on one of the most beautiful, pristine river landscapes in Europe and it radiates the unique atmosphere of a former convent of the Clares, right on the banks of the Danube.

Night 3: Grand Hotel Zvon

A cultural and historical monument with a tradition that goes back to 1553, Grand Hotel Zvon is situated in the main square of Ceske Budejovice close to historical sites, theatres, cinemas, galleries, shops and department stores. The hotel features a restored fresco and a hand-carved ceiling from the 17th century, as well as two restaurants: the classic Restaurant Gourmet Symphony with a hotel bar and the lovely Pilsner Urquell Original Pub.

Nights 4 & 5: Hotel Ruze

The finest hotel in Cesky Krumlov, the Hotel Ruze was built in the 16th century as a Jesuit Monastery and University and has preserved the beauty and style of the Renaissance, even after extensive interior restoration. The Hotel Ruze is now a luxurious five-star hotel fully satisfying all the requirements of the 21st century. Amenities include a restaurant, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna, solarium and beauty salon.

Night 6: Hotel Paris

The Hotel Paris is a 5-star luxury Art Nouveau hotel located in the center of Prague in the Old Town. It was built in 1904 and was declared as a historical monument. It offers free wellness centre access and free Wi-Fi in all areas. All elegant rooms and suites at Hotel Paris are decorated with replicas of original Art Nouveau furniture. They come with flat-screen satellite TV, a minibar and air conditioning. The tiled, spacious bathrooms have underfloor heating, hairdryers and toiletries.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival and Departures

Prior to the trip, arrive at your own convenience in Vienna. On Day 1, we will meet you in the lobby the Hotel Ambassador in Vienna at 8:30 a.m. After a transfer to Pöchlarn, the cycling begins. After breakfast on Day 7, we take you to the airport, train station, or the hotel of your choice in Prague.

Trip Price

\$3,198 (\$580 single supplement)

Trip Length

7 days/6 nights

2020 Dates

July 5 – 11

August 16 – 22

September 13 – 19

Host City

Begin: Vienna, Austria (VIE)

End: Prague, Czech Republic (PRG)

Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

*Baroque architecture, Budvar beer,
and Bohemian Forest*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800.575.1540

Phone: 406.655.4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All breakfasts. Lunches and dinners as listed by day. Snacks along the route.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified, professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags, and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local guide and expert gratuities.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double adult room occupancy. Each additional person in a room receives a 10% discount (not combinable with other discounts). Single rooms are available for an additional charge. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room and you inform us of this at the time of booking (a minimum of 90 days prior to departure) we will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. On most trips, if we are unable to accommodate your request, you will receive a private room and be assessed 50% of the customary single supplement.

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.