

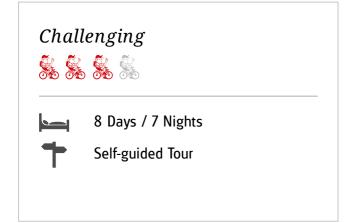
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Prague - Passau

ON THE BLUE RIBBON OF VLTAVA.

The Moldau (Vltava) is considered the "mother of all Bohemian rivers" and is also guidance on your journey of the Golden City Prague in the Three-river city Passau. It winds through beautiful landscapes, beautiful towns and past the proverbial "Bohemian villages". Nature on this tour is still unspoilt and wild. Often up and down. Powerful treadle, sometimes even pushing the bike, wiping off perspiration and drink. The insights and views are simply stunning and every bit of the "effort" worth. It is a pleasure to cycle through this landscape. You will discover and explore a fascinating prehistory and cultural landscape and experience the typical "Bohemian easiness".

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Itinerary

Arrival in Prague

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, has a lot to offer: music and the middle Ages, Kafka and Kisch, beer and dumplings with roast pork. Since 1992, the historical heart of Prague belongs to UNESCO world heritage sites. The well-preserved city centre, the historic architecture, the winded alleys of the old town, the splendid view that opens up from Charles's Bridge and the Prague Fortress watching over everything. Strolling for hours in the alleys of Prague, looking at architecture, discovering new cafés and pubs – all belongs to a visit to Prague. Bike distribution (if booked) in the afternoon.

day 2

DAY

1

Prague – Sedlčany/surroundings

approx. 65 km

A slightly hilly and differentiated stage is waiting for you. You cycle past many small idyllically situated Bohemian villages. Small houses with wood-covered gables attract the admiration of by-passers. Cosy pubs invite for a refreshing Bohemian beer on the way. Only "recently" did the waves of the Vltava reservoir begin to ripple. Before, the Rocky River valley was wild and untamed. In the early 60s they began to build four valley blocks south of Prague. They dam up the Vltava into a few lakes. The tamed Vltava spreads up to 5.000 ha, depending on the water level in the reservoirs. The water plant covers energy peaks and extras. Accommodation in the surroundings of Sedlcary.

DAY 3

Sedlčany/surroundings – Pisek app

approx. 70 km

ou cycle through small Bohemian villages until you reach the Vltava reservoir near Milesov. You continue through the deeply green Bohemian Forest with the Vltava as your guideline to Orlik. The splendid Gothic fortress is situated here high above the Vltava on a steep rock. Furnished by the Schwarzenbergers, the fortress perfectly exemplifies the lifestyle of the aristocracy in the nineteenth century. Only a few kilometres away the next place of interest tempts the visitor: Fortress Zvikov. The beautiful promontory, where the Vltava and the Otava flow into one another, invited people to settle already in prehistoric times. In the Middle Ages the fortress was one of the most important ones in Bohemia. It was regarded as very difficult to capture. All on your own with the unspoilt Vltava landscape you will have no difficulties conquering the few remaining kilometres to Pisek. The picturesque town rest closely to the right bank of the river Otava. In prehistoric times people washed the "pisek" (sand) of the river Otava searching for gold; that is where the town's name came from.



Pisek – Budejovice

approx. 70 km

Enjoy the fascinating antique cultural water landscape along the "golden" Otava today. A beautiful quiet forest path takes you to the castle Hluboká, enthroned on a hill above the Vltava. It could just as well have been standing in England; Princess Eleonore von Schwarzberg was very gushing. The guiding example for the renovation of the castle in neo-Gothic style was Windsor with its many towers, merlons and playful details. Continuing along the Vltava you are approaching today's destination: Budejovice. This city is not only a worthwhile experience because of its worldfamous "Budweiser beer". The royal city that was founded in the thirteenth century is with its 100.000 inhabitants the centre of South Bohemia today. The big market square (133 m x 133 m) with its Samson Fountain fascinates even today. Beautiful arcade houses from the Gothic and Renaissance periods add up to the dignified whole. You can quench your thirst after a city tour in one of the former 'masne kramy'.



Budejovice – Krumlov

approx. 30 km

Use the opportunity of a short bike leg today and take a walk through Budejovice before noon. Afterwards, seclusion and small pretty farmsteads become the focus of attention. Numerous canoeists splash about on the Vltava which takes you to the medieval Krumlov (UNESCO world heritage site since 1992), an absolute highlight of your bike tour. For centuries, this small town has been regarded as the "Pearl of the Bohemian Forest" - and that not only because of its unique location in a Vltava-loop. The ensemble of 300 historic houses with the castle and fortress complex impresses every visitor from the start. The intertwined alleys, the wooden balconies, the white or colourfully painted houses have a Mediterranean flair about them in the summer months. The street cafés and the beer gardens breathe every day new pulsating life into the town.

DAY 6

Krumlov – Aigen approx. 70 km

It's time for some action! Europe's Green Roof, the Bohemian Forest, offers some 'ripe' ascents, but the paradisiacal beauty of the landscape rewards all efforts. You enjoy the distant views, the wonderfully clean air, the endlessly deep woodlands...and everywhere rests peace - peace that voices the whispers of the brooks and the rustling of the trees. To the left of the Vltava you can discover the interesting town of Rozemberk with an impressive fortress. At first, you cycle along the Vltava that dams up a bit later to the Lipno Lake, one of the biggest fishing grounds in the Czech Republic. A wonderful path takes you through the Sumava landscape to the Schwarzenberg Channel. With 52 kilometres the channel was a route for endless wood transports to the Danube in the nineteenth century. The channel had been celebrated as the eighth world wonder. It guenched Vienna's thirst for firewood. A little bit further on you have to say farewell to the Czech Republic, you cross the border to Austria and stay the night in the romantic Mühlviertel.



Aigen – Passau

approx. 55 - 75 km

The last stage takes you leisurely through the picturesque Mühlviertel along the Danube. Peaceful and differentiated forests contrast the softly rounded hill chains. Wonderful panorama views – on beautiful days you can see the Alps from here – offer numerous insights and outlooks. You reach the Danube Cycle Path through the adventurous Mühl Valley. Deeply embedded in the valley and surrounded by soft mountain ridges, the Danube Cycle Path meanders through the valley. Through the wonderful Schlögener Schlinge you approach today's destination, the "Three-Rivers City" Passau. The baroque city with its impressive location between the Danube, the Inn and the Iltz is the crowning highlight of your bike tour. You should not miss a tour of the beautiful inner city and a concluding coffee in one of the traditional café houses. The last 20 kilometres from Kasten (Trappist monastery) to Passau can be done by a boat.



Departure or extension

Tour character

The topography of this bike tour should be categorised as demanding. The extremely beautiful and differentiated landscape is however the best reward for the hard work. There are also some steep and long ascents that have to be conquered – push your bike if necessary. With a little bit of bike tour experience and a normal good constitution you are in for a fascinating bike holiday. The route along the Vltava consists for the most part (with only a few exceptions) of quiet country roads and forest and field paths.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Prague

	Season 1 01.04.2023 - 14.04.2023 30.09.2023 - 07.10.2023 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 15.04.2023 - 05.05.2023 16.09.2023 - 29.09.2023 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 06.05.2023 - 15.09.2023 Arrival Saturday		
Prague - Passau, 8 days, CZ-MLRPP-08X					
Base price	849.00	919.00	969.00		
Surcharge half board 7x (evening meal: mostly multi-course, sometimes outside the property, payable with voucher)	139.00	13900	139.00		
Surcharge single room	369.00	369.00	369.00		

Category: 4* hotels and 1x 3* hotel

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Prague

	Season 1 Apr 1, 2023 - Apr 14, 2023 Sep 30, 2023 - Oct 7, 2023 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 Apr 15, 2023 - May 5, 2023 Sep 16, 2023 - Sep 29, 2023 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 May 6, 2023 - Sep 15, 2023 Arrival Saturday
Prague			
Double room p. P.	94.00	94.00	94.00
Surcharge single room	85.00	85.00	85.00
Passau			
Double room p. P.	75.00	75.00	75.00
Surcharge single room	50.00	50.00	50.00

Our rental bikes

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21-gear unisex	99.00
21-gear gents	99.00
Rental Bike PLUS	159.00
Electric bike	239.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Best developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- GPS-data is available
- Service hotline

Optional extras:

- Half-board evening meal (mostly multi-course, sometimes outside the property, payable with voucher) in Prague and Sedlčany only BB
- Return transfer by minibus to Prague every Saturday morning, costs EUR 95 per person, extra EUR 29 for your own bike, to be paid for at the time, reservation is necessary

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Prague or Passau train station
- Prague airport
- Parking at the hotels, costs approx. EUR 28 per day, to be paid for at the time, no reservation possible

Things to note:

- Boat trip Kasten Passau approx. EUR 19 per person incl. bike
- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found <u>here!</u>

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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