

# Cycling Europe

## SALZBURG - PRAGUE 2020

SELF GUIDED & GUIDED CYCLE TOURS - 8 days/7 nights

Length 374 km / 234 miles

Trip rating: Moderately challenging



*Start your bicycle tour in Salzburg with a panorama of the Alps at your back, cycling through the spectacular Salzkammergut, to medieval Cesky Krumlov. Then on to Prague, city of a thousand spires. Between them you will bike through country that epitomizes what most people think of when they hear the word "Europe": small towns watched over by ancient castles, deep green forests and rolling hills, little villages with church steeples dotting the countryside. Enjoy an original Budweiser in Ceske Budejovice, then go with the flow of the Vltava River until you reach magnificent Prague. This trail has a superb combination of landscape, chateaux, and three fabulous cities. GRADE: Moderately challenging.*

### ITINERARY



#### **DAY 1: Salzburg – St Gilgen**

Start in Salzburg. This impressive town, situated on the banks of the Salzach River, is where the composer Mozart was born and raised. On this first day cycle along the Mozart cycling path. This winds its way through beautiful Alpine countryside, the Salzkammergut, along the Mondsee and Wolfgangsee lakes to St. Gilgen. Overnight in St. Gilgen.

**Cycling: 49 kms**



### DAY 2: St Gilgen – Gmunden - Linz

Today you will cycle to Bad Ischl at the foot of the 1450m high Katrin Mountain. Here you can visit the Imperial Villa, the summer residence of the Austrian Emperor. Continue along the river Traun to Lake Traunsee where you will see the major highlight of the day, chateau Orth, situated on an island in the middle of the lake. Travel by train from Gmunden to Linz (Train ticket not included). Overnight in Linz, a city of art, architecture and culture.

**Cycling: 59 kms**

### DAY 3: Linz – Cesky Krumlov

Cycle from the Danube river valley up into the hills that form the border of the Czech Republic and Austria. In Vyssi Brod is one of the most venerable monasteries in the Czech Republic, built in the late 13th century. Transfer by car from Vyssi Brod to Cesky Krumlov. Overnight in Cesky Krumlov.

**Cycling: 47 kms**



### DAY 4: Cesky Krumlov – Ceske Budejovice – Hluboka nad Vltavou

Cesky Krumlov has an unparalleled medieval town centre, and an ornate chateau and tower overlooking the town. From here cycle to Ceske Budejovice, home of the real Budweiser beer where it has been brewed for the past 700 years. Finish by cycling to Hluboka nad Vltavou (pictured above). The Tudor Gothic chateau in Hluboka nad Vltavou is one of the most beautiful in Bohemia. Overnight in Hluboka nad Vltavou.

**Cycling: 42 kms**



### DAY 5: Hluboka nad Vltavou – Pisek

Today you start out by cycling from Hluboka through Tyn nad Vltavou to the historical town of Pisek. The oldest bridge in Bohemia, built in the 13th century (older than Charles Bridge in Prague), crosses the river at Pisek.

Overnight in Pisek.

**Cycling: 53 kms**

### DAY 6: Pisek – Pribram

The highlight of this cycling day is Zvikov Castle on a rocky hill overlooking the confluence of the Otava and Vltava rivers. It is known as the “Queen of Bohemian castles” due to its majestic position. Next stop is Castle Orlik, on Orlik Reservoir. At Vysoka u Pribrame there is the memorial to the Czech composer Dvorak. Continue on to Pribram, which has a longstanding legacy of mining. Silver, lead and other metals were mined here from the 12th Century. Overnight in Pribram.

**Cycling: 64 kms**

### DAY 7: Pribram - Prague

The cycle from Pribram to Prague first takes you to the town of Horovice and its Baroque chateau, and then to the Gothic castle of Karlstejn atop a wooded hill. This sturdy castle, founded by Czech King and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV, once guarded the Czech crown jewels. Transfer by car from Karlštejn to Prague Overnight in Prague.

**50 kms**

### DAY 8: Prague

Prague is the “city of a thousand spires”. The Charles Bridge, the Old Town square and Prague Castle, the largest castle complex in Europe, are great places to visit.

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### TIME TO GO: CLIMATE

On the continent in Central Europe the weather is cold with snow in the winter but the summers are lengthy with a lot of sunshine and clear days. Our cycling tours run from the beginning of April to the end of October – the optimum months here for a good bicycle trip. May, June and September are the times to experience the cooler, but still warm weather. The temperature in the summer can get high, particularly in July and August.

(Please be aware that is not unknown to get snow in April or Mid October)

### 2020 SCHEDULE

**Self Guided:** Every day from April to the end of October

**Guided Tours:** **Dates to be reconfirmed:** 06 - 13 July, 17 - 24 August (Min 4 people are required for guided tours)

**Private guided tours available every day from April to the end of October (price on request)**

## 2020 COST PER PERSON IN EURO

### SELF GUIDED TOURS

Double or twin share € 1490

Single supplement (when travelling with others) € 350

15% surcharge applies for a solo traveller (extra cost is for transfers & luggage transfers)

Please note: Day 2, Train ticket from Gmunden to Linz is not included (approx. €15), reservations are not needed; you can buy tickets at the station.

### GUIDED TOURS

#### Minimum group size is 4 people

Double / Twin Share 4 -7 people €2240

Double / Twin Share 8+ people €2040

Single Supplement € 350

### 2020 SELF-GUIDED COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Welcome briefing
- Detailed cycling maps, route notes
- Luggage transfer
- GPS
- Transfers by car as detailed
- Hybrid bike rental with helmet
- Standby support (cell phone and contact person)

### 2020 GUIDED COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- Professional bilingual guide
- Daily buffet breakfast and dinner
- Welcome briefing
- Detailed cycling maps, route notes
- Luggage transfer
- GPS
- Support van
- Guided tours at castles, museums and other selected attractions
- Hybrid bike rental with helmet
- Special events, including wine tasting and picnic)

### TREK FX 3

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Trek FX 3 is a lightweight hybrid bike with a carbon fork which brings both speed and comfort to any of our routes you choose. It comes in all sizes to fit you perfectly and it is available also in Women's Specific Design.

Size Men : 15" 17.5" 20" 22.5" 25"

Size WSD: 15" 17" 19"



# PRAGUE ACCOMMODATION & SIGHT-SEEING EXTENSION

- Add extra nights at your final hotel in central Prague, including breakfast
- Private tours with an English speaking guide
- Rates are per person based on double/twin share accommodation

## FULL DAY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING

### Morning - the Old Town (3 hours)

On this private tour of the Old Town Square you will feel as though you are on a journey back in time. With its ancient buildings and magnificent churches, this medieval settlement of Prague is one of the most beautiful historical sites in Europe. Your guide will take you through the Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square, Old Town Hall Tower & Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church and St Nicholas Church.



### Afternoon - the Jewish Quarter (3 hours)

The Jewish Quarter in Prague is located between the Old Town Square and the Vitava River. Its chilling history dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century when Jewish people were ordered to vacate their homes and settle in this one area. The historical buildings including six synagogues, the Old Jewish Town Hall and the remarkable Old Jewish Cemetery form the best preserved complex of historical Jewish monuments in the whole of Europe. They survived the Nazi occupation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century because Adolf Hitler himself decided to preserve the Jewish Quarter in Prague as a "Museum of an Extinct Race."

**COST: from €105 per person** based on two people (ask us for a price for larger groups)

## PRAGUE CASTLE TOUR (4 hours)

### Includes: Admittance to Castle

The word 'castle' does not adequately describe the courtyards, palaces, museums, gardens and fairytale houses that comprise Prague Castle. Roughly the size of seven football fields, Prague Castle is overwhelmingly beautiful. It is also overwhelmingly popular so having your own guide to walk you through one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic will make the experience infinitely more memorable.

**COST: from €72 per person** based on two people (ask us for a price for larger groups)

## ACCOMMODATION

**Extra nights from €70pp based on twin share accommodation**



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# SALZBURG EXTENSION



Widely regarded as one of the world's most beautiful cities, World Heritage –listed Salzburg is famous for its postcard-perfect scenery, Hohensalzburg fortress, the compositions of Mozart, and of course –The Sound of Music.

## PRICE PER PERSON IN EUROS – 2017

### Salzburg am Mirabellplatz 4\*

Built as a palace for the Archbishop Paris Lodron in 1653, this hotel radiates historical charm together with modern character. Due to the excellent location in the old town, the most popular sights are within walking distance.



#### 27 March – 16 July, 1 30 September

Double / Twin Share	From € 86
Single	From €117

#### 17 July – 31 August

Double / Twin Share	From €102
Single	From €134

#### 1 – 31 October

Double / Twin Share	From € 75
Single	From €106

### Marcus Sittikus 4\*

This comfortable family-run hotel is in a peaceful area in the centre of the city, close to the Mirabell garden, the Salzburg Congress, "Kurhaus" or wellness centre, the main railway station and a few minutes walk from sights in the old town of Salzburg with different squares, cafes, restaurants, galleries and shops.

#### 01 April – 16 July & 1 – 30 September

Double / Twin Share	From €61
Single	From €80

#### 17 July – 31 August

Double / Twin Share	From €75
Single	From €94
Weekend minimum stay 2 nights	

#### 1 – 31 October

Double / Twin Share	From €45
Single	From €64



### Hofwirt 3\*

Dating from 1878, Altstadt Hotel Hofwirt is right next to Linzergasse, a pedestrian zone in the centre of Salzburg. It offers free Wi-Fi and free private parking by availability.



The hotel is only a short walk from the train station, the congress centre, and Mirabell Palace.

**02 April – 23 July, 30 August – 31 October**

Double / Twin Share From € 60  
Single From €106

**24 July – 29 August**

Double / Twin Share From € 73  
Single From €130

**SIGHT-SEEING 2017 PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS  
ICE CAVES TOUR – EISRIESENWELT WERFEN**



A tour can be arranged for you to see the world's largest ice caves which takes around 5 hours. Feedback we have had from clients is that they are a must see. You will find a unique opportunity to change your idea of what constitutes a cave completely: instead of a dark and dirty hole you will find gigantic ice-crystals and walls of ice. The entrance point is 20 metres wide and spreads out to a dome of 18 metres height.

Inside the cave the temperatures are around or below zero degrees, so even if you go there in August, don't forget to bring warm clothing and good shoes! The Eisriesenwelt Werfen spreads over about 42 kilometres,

although it is only the first kilometre that is covered with bizarre, beautifully shaped ice-layers.

**Cost: From €40 Per Person (Excluding the entrance to the caves approximately €24 per person). Departs daily at 1pm**

**1 May - 26 October**

**Duration 5 hours**

**MOZART CITY TOUR**

Stroll in the footsteps of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and take a closer look at the city of his birth. See the Mirabell Palace, the Mozarteum Eurool of Music, the Marionette Theatre, the County Theatre, the house where Mozart lived, Trinity Church, the County Legal Courts, Nonnberg Abbey, Hellbrunn Palace and the Villa of Frohnburg, the Neutor tunnel, the Festival Hall, the Horsepond, Getreidegasse, the Church of St. Blasius and Mozart Square. You will also receive a ticket for a funicular up to Hohensalzburg Fortress, which dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century and is the largest in Europe, from where you will be able to enjoy a panoramic view of the city.

**TOUR INCLUDES:** transportation by coach (air conditioned vehicle), local guide and return ticket in a funicular to Hohensalzburg Fortress.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Hohensalzburg Fortress will be on your own without a guide.

**2018 Cost: €29 Per Person Departs daily 9.00 am, 10.45am & 1.45 pm Duration 1.5 hours + 1 hour Mozart's Residence**



**HOP ON HOP OFF BUS**

Discover Salzburg in a completely new and relaxing way with our Hop on Hop off bus tour. Luxurious, air conditioned coaches offering headsets for every seat. 12 Hop on Hop off stops allows you to get on and off as often as you wish. Shop, see sights, have fun and create your own tour. Enjoy the full Salzburg City Tour and see every major sightseeing attraction in Salzburg. See the Best of Salzburg with our new Hop on Hop off Salzburg City Tour!

**Cost: From €20 Per Person**

**Ticket valid 1 day**

## MOZART DINNER & CONCERT



Allow an extra night in Salzburg to attend a not-to-be-missed event in a unique, historic atmosphere. The Baroque hall of St. Peter is part of the famous Benedictine monastery situated in the oldest part of Salzburg - one of the few concert halls where real candlelight is still permitted. Dress code is smart. Contact us for prices.

## EAGLES NEST TOUR

Depart Salzburg and travel over the border into Bavaria and arrive in the former village of Obersalzberg once used as a base for the Third Reich. Take the bus and elevator up to Eagle's Nest, once a meeting place for Hitler and his diplomatic guests. Here you will enjoy a spectacular view of the entire Salzach valley and the Bavarian Alps. There is free time to explore the old conference room, dining area, small tea room and terraces. Your guide will explain the history relating to this interesting area before returning to Salzburg.



### OPERATES

Tour operates daily from 15 May to 31 October

### DEPARTURE TIME & POINT

The tour departs daily at 9.00am from Mirabellplatz 2 at the Mirabell Palace. All travellers who wish to make their own way to the departure point must be there 15 minutes prior to the tour departure.

**DURATION:** Approximately 4.5 hours

### COMMENTARY LANGUAGE

Multi-lingual commentary

**TYPE OF TOUR** Seat in coach

**Price from €55 per adult**

**Daily at 9.00 am Duration : 4.5 hrs**

Contact us for prices.

## SALZBURG SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR

Re-live this timeless classic on a panoramic tour of the landmarks and scenery featured in the film. Highlights include the Palace of Leopoldskron where the Baroness Schröder and Maria danced with the Baron (this is also where Maria and the Von Trapp children fell into the lake!); the gazebo at Hellbrunn Palace which was the centre of several memorable scenes and songs; Nonnberg Abbey where the real Maria and the Baron were married in 1927; St. Gilgen on Lake Wolfgang which is the location of the opening scenes of the film; the collegiate church of Mondsee which was the scene of Maria and the Baron's wedding in the film.

### DEPARTURE TIME & POINT

The tour departs daily at 9.30am and 2.00pm from Mirabellplatz 2 at the Mirabell Palace. All travellers who wish to make their own way to the departure point must be there 15 minutes prior to the tour departure.

**DURATION:** Approximately 4 hours

**EXCLUSIONS:** - Hotel drop off, - Expenses of a personal nature

**Tour operates daily all year round. Price from €42 per adult**

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