

Prague-Dresden Tour

Lenght	6 Days / 5 Nights
Price from	330 € pP
Difficulty level	I
Selfguided tours departures	Every day between April 15 and October 30

This bicycle route between Prague - the Czech Republic, and Dresden - Germany. is the favorite of the two countries. Why? Cyclists encounter natural beauty and centuries of history every day! From the stout sandstone columns and cliffs of Bohemian Switzerland to the peaceful vineyards of Mělník, from the reality of the concentration camp, Therezin, to the silent, ancient volcanoes of the Middle Highlands, this trip will create profound memories and rich impressions. All this lies between two medieval capitals of utmost significance, Prague and Dresden - every corner filled with recent and ancient stories!

The same way as the rivers flow, we will ride along them through a beautiful countryside full of picturesque towns such as Melnik, Litomerice or Bad Schandau. The tour will take us through natural beauties of bizarre Czech-Saxon Switzerland NP, as well as through romantic region of former volcanoes of the Czech Middle Mountains. The last kilometers will take us through cultural regions under the auspices of the UNESCO – the Dresden Valley of the Elbe River. Connecting two European centers, as well as the beauties of Vltava and Elbe River basins, yields a very attractive, but not physically demanding tour manageable even by less fit bikers. As a bonus you can enjoy boat trip or half day hiking in the Czech Saxon Switzerland!

Itinerary

Day 0 Arrival to Prague – not included in price!

Distance: 0 km

After your arrival and check-in to a Prague hotel, this day is yours to explore the "Paris of the Central Europe," relax, or have a unique Prague-by-bike tour (see more in our Prague-by-bike section). The tour is guided by Prague natives - who truly love the city and can reveal much more than any travel book – all safely by bike and finished by a mug of good beer in an carefully chosen place. Do not hesitate to ask us for this extra tour – it is our clients favorite! If time is not your worst enemy, we do propose you stay in Prague more days to fully explore

its beauty and hidden corners. Feel free to ask us about more nights or other attractions!
Hotels: Night in Prague is not included as most of our guests prefer to stay more nights. Therefore we offer large variety of hotels which we are happy to recomend (** /*****).

Day 1 Prague - Mělník

Distance: 53 km / 32,5 miles

Leaving Prague, we will peek into the elegantly restored Trója Chateau and its royal gardens before rolling under the rock cliffs of the Prague basin. Our route will pass by the sgraffito of the Renaissance-era Chateau Nelahozeves- feel free to enter the courtyard and admire the architecture. And pay attention to the small house nearly in the shadow of the castle, the birthplace of composer Antonín Dvořák. From Nelahozeves, it is only a short ride to Chateau Veltrusy and its Romantic-era park. Take some time to meander around the hidden statues and monuments of the wooded park, or continue along the main path towards Hořín, whose water lock is a technical and architectural landmark of the late 19th-century. We will finish our first day of biking with a glass of wine, since this whole region is one of the centers of the Czech wine-growing.

Day 2 Mělník - Litoměřice

Distance: 52 km / 32 miles

Today's bike tour stage will take in the most fertile part of the Czech Republic – the Elbe lowlands (Polabská nížina region) or Czech Garden. For most of our day we will have the volcanic cone Říp in sight, a hill where the mythical arrival of Slavs into the Bohemian (Czech) Lands occurred. Pause to watch local champions working out on rowboats in the Račice sports facility before pedaling to Roudnice, one of the oldest cities in the Czech Republic and an ideal place for a pleasant lunch. From Roudnice it is only a short bike ride to the Romanesque monastery in Doksany and further on to the impressive 18th-century fortress of Terezín. Unfortunately, nowadays it is very well-known as a Jewish concentration camp during the Second World War, bearing witness to the dark side of the 20th-century. But a happier coda to the day can be found just across the river in the regional capital town of Litoměřice, our overnight stay.

Day 3 Litoměřice -Děčín

Distance: 52 km / 32,5 miles

On day 3 we will head towards the romantic region of the Czech Central Mountains. This ancient volcanic region rises high around our river valley route, medieval castles looming over visitors from the narrow peaks of extinct cones. But we will use the ancient trade route along the river Labe connecting the Czech and Saxon Kingdoms. We will enter the Czech Central Mountains by the symbolically named Porta Bohemica. From here we will continue to nearby Žernoseky, a village known for its wine-growing and Baroque chateau. Our next landmark will be more modern: the Masaryk flood-gates, followed by the ancient ruins of Střekov Castle majestically rising above the City of Ústí. In Ústí, we can admire the most off-center tower north of Alps. The incline of the tower was caused due to a heavy bombing at the end of World War II. Farther along, Velké Březno Castle is a fine testimonial of empire architecture in the Czech Lands. We will end our bike route in a city of Děčín, a city dominated visually by a chateau high above on a rocky perch.

Day 4 Děčín - Bad Schandau

Distance: 25 km / 9,5 miles, 5-15 km hiking

During day 4 we will take a little break from our bicycles, only making a short crossover through the picturesque landscape of the Czech and Saxon Switzerland National Park. The bike path is lined by amazing sandstone cliffs and pillars - one would scarcely believe that this is the lowest point of the Czech Republic! After arriving at Hřensko, we can dedicate the whole day to hiking across this exquisite terrain. We can again chose from a few options: we can either hike up to the largest natural arch in Central Europe – Pravčická brána (Gate of Pravčice) with an admirable view of the surrounding area or we can take a relaxed stroll and gondola ride through an untouched part of the Kamenice River valley. Our third option would be to combine these two hikes into one trip.

Day 5 Bad Schandau-Dresden

Distance: 40 km / 30 miles

On our last full day of bike touring, we cross the border into Germany. The lovely spa town of Bad Schandau waits for us. From this town it is only a short ride to an impregnable fortress of Königstein that guarded a very important trade route in the past. We will continue on a moderate bike path, occasionally using a small ferry boat as a mean of transport to cross the already powerful and wide river Elbe. In Bastei we will come along a great view combining the natural beauty of the local sandstone and the medieval castle ruins. The system of fortresses and castles built by Saxon kings have merited an inscription onto the UNESCO World Heritage list. After a fulfilling day among culture and nature we will end up our day by arriving to bustling Dresden.

Day 6 Dresden

Distance: 0 km

You can spend the very last day of our touring visiting Dresden. One can hardly imagine today that this city was the epicenter of the most destructive Allied bombing in Europe at the end of the Second World War, almost completely turning the city into ashes. Thanks to a solicitous reconstruction and persistence we can today admire the beauty of most of the historical buildings, whether it is the imposing Royal Palace, the Opera building or the symbol of this city – the Frauenkirche Church. All of these historical sights have merited the Saxon capital the nickname of the Venice of Germany! If you so desire, we are able to provide an extension of your stay in Dresden - extra time it certainly!