

# Trip itinerary

## **Day 1: Arrive in Prague, known for its exciting history and architecture.**

Your trip begins today in Prague, Czech Republic. Arrive at any time and transfer on your own to the group hotel. Check in, rest or enjoy the sights of Prague. Meals on your own.

## **Day 2: Ride rolling hills between Postupice and Telč, a quaint 13th-century city.**

Meet your group and trip leader at 9am, dressed in your cycling clothes and ready to ride. After introductions we load our luggage into a support van and drive to Postupice, where we hold a cycling orientation and bike fitting. Today's ride is a bit hilly, and the scenery is absolutely superb. We cycle to Načeradec, a small village in the Bohemian Moravian Highlands. Following lunch, we transfer to Horní Cerek and then continue our ride to Telč, a UNESCO Cultural and Natural Heritage city with Baroque and Renaissance architectural features of outstanding quality. We spend the next two nights in this picturesque 13th-century town. All meals included.

Transfers: About 2 hours; Cycling: 27 miles; Hours in the saddle: 4; Terrain: rolling hills.

## **Day 3: Bike in the countryside near Telč; tour the town's grand architecture.**

Telč is a picture-perfect village with pastel-colored facades, gingerbread rooflines and cobblestone streets. Almost completely encircled by tranquil ponds, the village has inspired painters and poets alike. We spend the day cycling the surrounding countryside, then return to spend another night in Telč to fully absorb the ambience of its main square. The evening is free to explore, and dinner is on your own tonight so you can enjoy your favorite regional specialties. Breakfast and lunch included.

Cycling: 25 miles; Hours in the saddle: 4.5; Terrain: rolling hills. A wide range of additional mileage options are available to suit all riders.

## **Day 4: Ride through South Moravia's wine country, tasting at a local cellar.**

We cycle through the wine country of lovely South Moravia. There are many castles found in this area; Lednice and nearby Valtice are two of the best with elegant gardens and numerous wine cellars. After exploring the countryside on our bikes, we arrive at the little town of Mikulov, perched in the hills of the Palava Mountains and surrounded by wineries. Following dinner, we visit a local wine cellar to taste wines made from grapes harvested from the region's vineyards. All meals included.

Transfers: 1 hour; Cycling: 37 miles; Hours in the saddle: 6; Terrain: rolling hills. Optional cycling add 8 miles; hours in the saddle: 1.5.

## **Day 5: Cycle along the Morava River to Slovakia's Devin Castle.**

We cycle along the Morava River in Slovakia, passing through a few villages leading us to Devin Castle, just outside Bratislava. We enjoy a picnic lunch and the lovely views before transferring to the scenic Hungarian town of Sopron, where we spend the next two evenings. The remainder of the afternoon is free to rest or explore before we meet for dinner. All meals included.

Transfers: 3 hours; Cycling: 30+ miles; Hours in the saddle: 4; Terrain: flat to rolling, partly on a bike path.

### **Day 6: Explore the countryside around Hungary's charming city of Sopron.**

A delightful day of cycling in the rolling countryside around Sopron includes a jaunt around Neusidler am See, part of which is protected by UNESCO for its bird sanctuary. With its baroque and Gothic architecture and colorful history, Sopron is not only a step back in time, it is one of the most charming cities in Hungary. Its inner town is dominated by several medieval churches, 13th-century houses with gables and spacious courtyards and narrow streets. Overnight in Sopron. Breakfast and lunch included.

Transfers: 1.25 hours; Cycling: 37 miles; Hours in the saddle: 5; Terrain: flat to rolling, partly on a bike path.

### **Day 7: Pedal by villages and farms en route to Győr's historical city center.**

The Hungarian National Park of Ferto-Hanság offers cycling on fairly flat terrain. From Osli we ride through typical Hungarian plains and small villages, and past farms where farmers using horse-pulled wagons may still be seen. Our ride ends in Győr in the midafternoon. The rest of the day is free for sightseeing or to enjoy the famous thermal baths of Győr. Any guests wanting to arrive in Győr earlier are welcome to transfer by van, following our lunch break. All meals included.

Transfer: 1 hour; Cycling: 35-38 miles; Hours in the saddle: 4; Terrain: rolling hills in the morning, mostly flat in the afternoon.

### **Day 8: Our route leads us to Pannonhalma, home to a famous Benedictine abbey.**

We cycle through the Hungarian hills to the UNESCO town of Pannonhalma. For the past millennium, Pannonhalma has been the site of a lovely and significant Benedictine abbey. We tour the abbey and learn about Hungary's oldest monastery. In the afternoon, as we wind down our tour, we come together for a celebratory meal with our guides. Cold beer all around for a week of great biking! Following lunch, we transfer into Budapest and bid farewell to our guides at our hotel. There is typically time in the late afternoon to take a walk and perhaps see the City Park and Heroes' Square. Overnight in Budapest. Breakfast and lunch included.

Transfer: 2 hours; Cycling: 21 miles; Hours in the saddle: 2.5; Terrain: rolling to hilly with long climb to abbey on top of hill.

### **Day 9: Bid adieu to Budapest and depart for home.**

The tour concludes after breakfast, which you will enjoy on your own schedule. Transfer on your own to the Budapest airport, or continue your explorations of this beautiful city. Breakfast included.

### **Note on Itinerary**

Although we do our best to adhere to the schedule listed above, this itinerary is subject to change for numerous reasons beyond our control.

