





Prague to Dresden

Wonderful cycling along the Elbe Cycle Path

Deciding whether the beginning or the end of this journey is the best may pose a challenge. Prague, often referred to as the "Golden City," marks the start of this tour with its winding streets, brimming with a magical atmosphere steeped in history and colored by joie de vivre. Initially, you'll follow the Vltava River from Prague to Melnik, where the longest river in the Czech Republic merges with the Elbe.

As you cycle along the Elbe Cycle Path, you'll traverse the rural Bohemian hills and encounter the bizarre rock formations of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. The grand city of Dresden, often likened to "the Florence on the Elbe," serves as the final highlight. The Zwinger Palace, Semperoper State Opera, and the Frauenkirche will vie for your favor, competing in beauty with Prague.

Prague, an impressive city, marks the commencement of your journey through history, offering a multitude of captivating sights. Dresden, on the other hand, marks the end of this beautiful tour, where the Zwinger Palace, Semperoper (Opera house), and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) await your visit. Between these two cities, you'll cycle along the Moldau (Vltava) and Elbe rivers, exploring picturesque villages and traversing romantic landscapes. Don't miss the breathtaking panoramic views from the Elbe Sandstone Mountains; this landscape is truly remarkable. Perhaps you'll find the journey between Prague and Dresden more captivating than the cities themselves.

Book this holiday: Prague to Dresden

Details about the cycling holiday along the Elbe Cycle Path from Prague to Dresden

Between the cities, you'll embark on cycling paths along the Vltava and the Elbe rivers. You'll have the opportunity to explore small, beautifully restored towns and villages while traversing romantic river landscapes and the captivating Saxon Switzerland National Park. As you continue, you'll cross the border before reaching Bad Schandau. Here, the awe-inspiring Bastei rock formations await, providing a panoramic vista of the Elbe Valley, surreal table mountains, and a breathtaking natural landscape.

The Czech Republic is truly a cycling paradise! The lively and culturally rich cities at both the beginning and end of your journey create a perfect contrast to your cycling adventure. Your tour will lead you through stunning landscapes adorned with forests and valleys, taking you past numerous baroque towns and castles. The bike ride along the Elbe Cycle Path from Prague to Dresden promises an unparalleled variety of experiences.

The highlights of this Elbe Cycle Path cycling holiday at a glance:

- **2-night stay in Prague:** An open-air museum featuring the Old Town Square, Astronomical Clock, Lesser Side, Charles Bridge and Prague Castle. Plenty of time to discover the Golden City with a hundred towers and 18 bridges
- **Sächsische Schweiz National Park:** The impressive Elbe Sandstone Mountains with bizarre rock formations. The deepest sandstone canyon in Europe with rocks of up to 250 meters
- **Litomerice:** One of the most beautiful cities in the Czech Republic. The colourful Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance buildings in the middle of the city, largely surrounded by well-preserved Gothic fortifications, will enchant you

Worth knowing about this cycling holiday along the Elbe

Cycling enthusiasts can indulge themselves during this cycling holiday. Comfortable and well-marked tours on the Elbe Route, which is one of the most popular in the Czech Republic. Czech cuisine is still relatively unknown and is a mix of traditional and modern.

Meat specialities, traditional sweets and a delicious glass of Czech beer, Pilsner Urquell. After the meal, a Becherovka, a traditional herbal liqueur with a secret recipe ensures good digestion.

This tour has been graded as **Easy**. Find out more about our **cycling holiday difficulty levels**.

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Tour information



Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total cycling distance: approx.
225 km

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Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Prague

The "Golden City" is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The historic buildings, the romantically winding streets of the old town and the breathtaking view from the Charles Bridge are ideal for a stroll through the city. The nickname "Golden City" becomes visible at sunset when you have a beautiful view of the illuminated city from the bridge.

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
Prague

Don't miss the historic town hall, with its monumental clockwork, the Gothic dungeon and the viewing gallery with an amazing view of the city. Standing in front of City Hall on the hour, you can see the Astronomical Clock in action. Also, visit the lesser-known highlights such as the John Lennon Wall.

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3

Prague – Melník approx. 55 km


Today you will get on your bike and say goodbye to Prague, following the Vltava River, which inspired the Bohemian composer Smetana to write a well-known composition. After the cosmopolitan city of Prague, the rural Czech Republic is a stark contrast. In the beautiful town of Melník, you have not only reached the confluence of the Vltava and the Elbe, but also the centre of Czech viticulture. Enjoy the great view from Schloss Mělník. The famous castle wine from Mělník is sold here in original bottles and can be tasted in the castle's wine cellar.

 ca. 55 km

DAY
4**Melník – Litomerice** approx. 50 km


It continues along the gentle loops of the Elbe. Via Roudnice you reach the impressive fortress town of Terezín (Theresienstadt). This town is a confrontation with the oppressive past of the Second World War. Here stood the transit camp for Jews who were then sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau or other extermination camps. You can visit the Terezín Memorial.

From Terezín, it is only a few kilometres to the day destination Litomerice (Leitmeritz) with its beautiful mansions. In Litomerice you can let the impressions of the day sink in. Here you will find colourful Renaissance buildings next to Baroque buildings and the Gothic city wall makes the place unique.

 ca. 50 kmDAY
5**Litomerice – Decín** approx. 50 km

You continue on the Elbe cycle path into the Bohemian hills. After about 20 km you will reach the town of Ústí nad Labem (Aussig). At Ústí to the right bank, pedal hard for a 100m climb to the ruins of Schreckenstein castle on a rock. There you have a beautiful view over the Elbe valley. At your destination, take the time to visit the Baroque castle of the same name.

In the afternoon you will reach the atmospheric town of Děčín (Tetschen). Located in a wide valley on both banks of the Elbe. On one bank is the monumental cheese farm, on the other bank the Pastýřskou stěnu, the Shepherd's Wall (sheep's wall). A gigantic stone wall with 2 restaurants on top and the best view of the city. If you are a daredevil, you can climb this wall via fifteen different routes, secured with steel ropes and footrests on the rock, and bridge a difference in height of 90 meters.


 ca. 50 km

DAY
6**Decin – Pirna** approx. 45 km


Today you cross the border into Germany, the route runs between the twin cities Děčín (Tetschen) and Pirna. After a few kilometres, the spectacular breakthrough of the Elbe through the Elbe Sandstone Mountains begins and you can see the picturesque table mountains of the picturesque landscape of Saxon Switzerland. Erosion weathered the soft Elbe sandstone to the most amazing formations, the view over the rocks is breathtaking.

The course of the Elbe leads past the picturesque and romantic town of Königstein with its legendary fortress. Visit the grand fortress and enjoy the enchanting view of the Elbe Valley.

You continue this impressive route through the picturesque landscape of the valley of the Elbe to today's final destination, the charming town of Pirna "the gateway to Saxon Switzerland". This romantic city with a historic city centre has beautiful facade paintings and bay windows, the design of which is unparalleled.

 ca. 45 kmDAY
7**Pirna – Dresden** approx. 25 km

The last cycle stage takes you via Pillnitz Castle to Dresden. You pass the "Blue Wonder" and the castles on the Elbe. Today's short route gives you plenty of time to get to know Dresden. In addition to the historic buildings of the Zwinger, Semperoper and the rebuilt Frauenkirche, the Neustadt district stands for modern, lively Dresden: galleries, music venues and theatres and lovingly designed cafes can be discovered here.

 ca. 25 kmDAY
8**Return trip or extension**

This impressive and varied cycling holiday ends after breakfast, or you can start your extension if you haven't had enough of this beautiful city and surroundings.

Route information

From Prague to Melnik, there are some inclines to overcome, otherwise a mostly easy route on the Elbe Cycle Path. Some trails are partially unpaved.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Prague to Dresden**

Place of arrival: Prague

	Season 1 16.06.2023 - 10.09.2023 Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Season 2 03.05.2024 - 20.06.2024 20.09.2024 - 26.09.2024 Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Season 3 21.06.2024 - 19.09.2024 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Prague to Dresden, 8 days, CZ-EBRPD-08X			
Base price	639.00	689.00	719.00
Single room surcharge	199.00	199.00	199.00

- You will stay in 3*** and 4**** hotels

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Prague

	Season 1 Jun 16, 2023 - Sep 10, 2023 Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Season 2 May 3, 2024 - Jun 20, 2024 Sep 20, 2024 - Sep 26, 2024 Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Season 3 Jun 21, 2024 - Sep 19, 2024 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Prague			
Double room p.p.	65.00	65.00	65.00
Single room surcharge	35.00	35.00	35.00
Dresden			
Double room p.p.	70.00	70.00	70.00

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Single room surcharge	35.00	35.00	35.00

Our rental bikes

	Price
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
Unisex E-Bike	239.00
7-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00

Prices per person in GBP

Services / Information

Services

Including

- 7 nights as described, including breakfast
- Luggage transfer(s) max. 1 piece of luggage 20 kg per person
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally
- (Optional) Return transfer by minibus to Prague, €75 per person, reservation required, payable locally. Own bike €19 per bike

Arrival information

- Airport: Prague Airport
- Train: Prague Station
- Parking: Parking at arrival hotels is approximately €100 per week, reservation required, to be paid on site
- Train Dresden-Prague travel time approximately 2 hours, without having to change trains. Costs approx. €15 per person
- We recommend to travel to Dresden (648km) and from there to travel with our transfer or by train to the starting destination Prague