



Prague, Vltava & Elbe

Route description for your individual Bike & Barge Tour

Dear Cyclist,

we would like to give you a very warm welcome to your tour through the Czech Republic alongside the Vltava and Elbe River.

The itinerary for this journey has been described from a cyclist's view, the way you will experience the tour from your bike seat.

Before starting off for the daily leg, during a briefing, your tour manager will explain the route description to you again. Important sights and tourist attractions to the left and right hand side of the route will be introduced but, of course, these are only suggestions to help you planning your cycle tour.

Please note that this route book cannot substitute a guide book.

Pieces of information and tips have been highlighted with colours to be more easily distinguished from the mere route description.

Nobody is perfect – please note that the description can sometimes be different from the on-site situation due to road works, overturned or overgrown signs, new traffic signs etc. If you should encounter similar situations, please do not hesitate to inform us. We as well as all cyclists using this route will be thankful for your feedback! Of course, any suggestion for improvement is highly appreciated.

We wish you a relaxing time and a lot of fun for your combined bike and barge tour.

Legend for cycle route: Prague, Vltava & Elbe:

Direction arrows (for rough orientation):

↑ Straight ahead or follow the route

← Turn left

→ Turn right



Roundabout

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Map number

Day 1: Individual arrival in Prague and Embarkation

Please take a look at your travel documents for the directions to the berth of your ship. We kindly ask you to plan your arrival time so that you arrive on board at around 4 pm. The ship will stay overnight in Prague.

Day 2: Cycle Tour Prague - Kralupy, approx. 28 km

Info:



Mostly you will cycle on the signposted Elbe Cycle Route, which for this tour will start in Prague. Normally, the route is well marked with yellow bike signposts (mostly no. 2 or no. 7).

For the greatest part of the stretch, you will cycle along the Vltava and Elbe River so that orientation is quite easy. When you have to turn, you will find signposts with direction arrows. At signs without arrows, just go on straight ahead. Unlike in other countries, signs have sometimes been put some metres before the intersections, forks etc. If you cannot see any sign, just stick to the priority road. A glance at the map from time to time, however, may be helpful. A more detailed description you will only find for places where signs are few or obscured.

Most of the cycle path is made of service or side roads with little car traffic. Nevertheless, cycle carefully! And please remember:

Traffic from right has priority over traffic approaching from the left – this law applies also to cyclists! The daily stretches have been chosen in such a manner that you can cycle leisurely and there will be also time for a rest. So keep calm even in case that something unexpected should happen.

Tip:

When planning your day trips, please consider that due to the many locks, the ship will always take longer than a cyclist.

km 0

From the mooring place in Prague (Nabrez Edvarda Benese, located below the Čechův Most bridge) you start your first cycle tour. **1**

Above the mooring place, cross the road at the traffic lights. (**Caution: car traffic!**)

- A narrow path goes up to the right of the **flight of steps**. You have to push your bike (the alternative would be a diversion of 6 km): First push the bike up 8 flat steps on a rail. Continue pushing or riding up.
- Keep to the right at the first fork, ride up to the left at the second fork until you reach the park.
- ← Again, follow the right-hand lane. On the left you will pass various tennis courts and an associated garden pub. **1**

Tip: The stunning view over the Old Town will compensate you for all efforts.

- ← Shortly **before Letna Beer garden**, turn left and cycle towards the two **modern cubic buildings** – the **National Technical Museum** and the **Museum of Popular Art**.

↑ Continue cycling in between the buildings onto **Muzejni Street**.

- Turn right onto the **crossroad Letohradská**. Here you will find the **first sign for the Elbe Cycle Route**: Bike on a yellow background (mostly with no. 2 or 7).

- ← After **80 m**, at the first street turn left onto **Ovnecká** and continue onto this street past several intersections.

Info: Look at the varied facades on both sides of the street, representing different architectural styles from exuberant Historicism to easy on the eye Art Nouveau to the right angle in Functionalism of the 1920s.

- The street **Ovnecká** ends at a park. Pick up the park path that leads down to the right.

- ← After **2 km**, you see on the right side a **big yellow bicycle sign**. Cross the **tram tracks** and turn sharp left in front of the historical exhibition ground and carry on downhill along the **bicycle Route A310**. Always keep to the right **towards Troja / Zoo**. The way leads through the **park Stromovka**.
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Info: *The exhibition ground Výstaviště was founded in 1891 for the Prague Jubilee Exhibition, which was held to remember the first Bohemian Industrial Exhibition in 1791. Most of all, however, it ought to demonstrate the high position of Czech-Bohemian Industry in the Danube Monarchy. The construction was inspired by the then World Fair's concept with crystal palaces. The exhibition had 2.5 million visitors within a few months. The building and the ground have been standing the test of time and are still used for varied events.*

Please follow the **signposts** towards **Troja / Zoo**. **1**

- After approx. **3.2 km**, turn right after the **exhibition grounds** in the direction of the **railway tracks**.
- Drive through the **tunnel**. At the **end of the parkway** turn sharp right and **after 50 m** in a **hairpin bend**
- ← turn left onto the **bridge over the Plavebni Canal**.
- ← Then the path takes a **sharp left turn**, then a **right turn**. You pass a **horse farm** and arrive at the curved
- **bridge over the Vltava**, which you cross.
- ← On the other side of the river you are already at one of the park entrances of **Troja Castle**. Turn left in
- **front of the park wall** and ride in a small curve **back to the bank of the Vltava** and then turn right - your destination for the day **Kralupy** is already signposted - onto the **cycle path along the Vltava**.

Info: *Troja is considered one of the most beautiful baroque castles in the Czech Republic. Rich ceiling paintings and the wonderful open staircase are inspiring. Of course, the baroque park in front of the building is also part of the overall work of art. Inside, there is an exhibition of 19th-century Czech painting. The castle is open during the day. Please leave your bike outside the walls near the car park.*

Don't forget to lock it!

Address: Prague 7, U Trojského zámku 1

Opening hours (subject to change): daily except Mondays: Tue-Sun 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, except Fr 13:00 - 19:00, closed in winter from November to March.

Tip: Alternately you may visit the vineyard, learning something about different grapes (cultivated here) or you can visit the botanical garden.

↑ Continue cycling past the **zoo** and along the romantic steep bank of the **Vltava**.
There are several **restaurants** along the way for a leisurely lunch break. **1** **2**

At **km 12**, at the **Klecany weir**, there is another nice place to rest before you have to cycle uphill again. **Immediately after the weir**, turn right and cycle uphill for 1 kilometre. The road is well paved - use a low gear or push your bike and take your time! **2**

Tip: Just before you reach the village square of Klecany you find a nice and new restaurant, „Farm Table“, on the left side of the road.

← At **km 13**, at the **village square**, turn left.

← After **300 m**, you reach a **fork in the road** and turn left again. **3**

→ At the **next intersection** turn right into the **Do Kaštan street**.


← ↑ Follow a briefly steep section uphill. At its end, turn left onto **Route No. 7** and then carry straight on.

At **km 15.5**: In the middle of the fields, turn right towards **Máslovice**.
Mind out: Here the bike sign is easy to miss!

← At **km 18**: In the **village of Vodochody**, turn sharp left at the bus stop into the **dead-end** street.
The trail descends through a **stream valley** to the **Vltava** river.



Attention: Don't forget to pay attention to the path, which takes some getting used to, due to the beauty of nature!

-  At the **end of the trail at the Vltava river** turn right. You cycle for about 1 kilometre once again on a natural path. The rest of the way to **Kralupy** can be cycled without any problems. **3** **4**

In **Kralupy** you can see the **ship** on the **other side of the river**. **4**

- Cross under the **first bridge**, the **Masaryka bridge** on the **metal grid path** and cycle over the **Vltava** on the **second, blue bridge**. Then turn right down to **the river** and cycle under the **green pipe arch**.

***Info:** Belonging to the Order of the Knights of the Cross in Prague until 1848, Kralupy was a small village with 20 houses until the middle of the 19th century. After the construction of the railway and the regulation of the Vltava River, all of a sudden the village offered easy transport accessibility, thus attracting both chemical and food industry, which have characterised the town until today. Remarkable is the Masaryka-Bridge, built in the 1920s and strongly inspired by the Bauhaus movement.*

Day 3: Cycle Tour Kralupy - Mělník, approx. 25 - 27 km & Boat trip Mělník - Litoměřice

- ↑ Continue along the **Elbe Cycle Route**. Up to **Nelahozeves**, cycle on a small nature trail alongside the steep bank of the Vltava.



Attention: Please cycle attentively and keep your distance! **5**

At **km 3** you will be at the height of **Castle Nelahozeves**, which you can see perched atop of the hill.

- ← At the next opportunity turn left and pass under the railway.

- ← Continue on the right along **cycle path no. 7**. You will see **Castle Nelahozeves** at the top left and **Antonin Dvořák's birthplace (opposite the church)**. To continue the tour, turn right uphill.

→ Carry on along the road.

- ↑ Pick up the cycle way again.

- At **km 4.2** turn right. At the **power station** and at the **lock**, cross the **Vltava river** over an old **riveted bridge**.

↑ Carry straight on.

← Directly behind the **restaurant „Libuše“** turn left and follow the road / cycle path no. 7. Shortly after passing under the motorway, you will reach **Veltrusy Park** at **km 6**. **5**

On your right side, a slender **neoclassical building** rises.

Tip: Stop here, have a look at the pier on the ground of the brook.

Continue along cycle path no. 7 until you see the Veltrusy Castle on your right.

Alternative A

← Here you take a sharp left onto a long beautiful avenue (cycle path no. 7).

*Info: **Veltrusy Castle** was built 300 years ago on a former Moldova Island and is surrounded by a beautiful, vast landscape garden. Sculptures und aesthetic constructions along with the art of planting make the park a complete artwork. Normally, the castle can be visited during daytimes - recommendable for rococo fans.*

Tip: A visit of the park and its garden is highly recommendable. The garden and the park behind the castle are open to the public, they are a beautiful spot for a picnic.

Alternative B

Info: Riding through the park to see a Greek pavilion, the ruins of an Egyptian temple, an artificial cave and a sphinx. After that you return to cycle path no. 7.

When the castle is on your right, continue straight ahead in an arc around the castle. The entrance to the castle is now on your righthand side. **6**

Park your bicycles there, walk through the **castle** to the beautiful **garden**. Benches invite you to a picnic. Afterwards carry on in the direction you were riding towards the open field. Turn right and drive along the alley.

- ← Turn left at the **first possibility** and carry on another **500 m** along an **alley of young linden trees**. Then
 → take the way forking to the right and stop your bicycles at the next fork in about **100 m**.
Cross the bridge by foot and visit the **Greek pavilion**.

After that follow the **left wing** of the **fork** through the **forest** until you reach another **alley way**. Turn right, cross the **bridge with the peculiar steel flowers** and after **1.3 km** you reach a **bridge of stone mounted by a sphinx at km 9.8**.

Tip: Stop your bicycle and climb to the top of the ruins of the Egyptian temple. Walk down the stairs (Mind your head!) into the underground harbour, constructed to surprise the guests of the aristocratic owners of the castle long long ago. Bow down and use the second exit to get back to the bikes.

- From the **Sphinx**, continue to the end of the path and turn right onto the well-known **cycle path no. 7**.

The next **9 km** will take you through small villages and wide open countryside. –
 Follow the road through the villages and look out for the **signs to Mělník**.



Attention: On your way you have to pass an old barrier (closed).
 Do not be irritated and push your bike past it. **5 7**

- ← Follow the cycle path no. 7 through the countryside, past fields and hops. You will reach a bridge shortly after the village of **Bukol**, which will take you to the other side of the Vltava to **Lužec**.

Tip: The village square is a great place to take a break in the shade. Or you can enjoy a typical Czech dish in a restaurant.

- ↑ → Go straight on past the **church** and after approx. 200 m turn right onto **Elbe cycle way no. 7**.

You drive along the river until shortly before **Hořin**. **8**

It goes through a fantastically beautiful **floodplain forest** to the **old ship lock** in **Hořin**.

You cross the canal and drive **along the new flood wall** - not so beautiful but practical - through the village.

→ Before the ruinous **castle in Hořin**, turn right and ride through the forest to the **old town bridge of Mělník**.

→ Pass under the bridge and turn right to the mooring place.

Day 4: Litoměřice

Info: *Today your ship will stay in Litoměřice. The day is at your free disposal. The royal city of Litoměřice at the confluence of the Elbe and Cheb rivers is one of the most beautiful cities in the Czech Republic. The colourful Gothic Renaissance and Baroque buildings right in the city centre are enchanting and framed by the largely preserved Gothic city fortifications.*

Tip: *Together with a guide, you can discover the town of Litoměřice and the exhibition on the Richard Mine on an optional excursion.*

Way to the Terezín Memorial

Info: *In Terezín, a memorial commemorates the former concentration camp of Theresienstadt. Approximately 33,000 people died there as a consequence of Nazi terror between 1942 and 1945. Every year, the memorial site is visited by more than 100,000 people.*

The Terezín Memorial is located about 5 km from Litoměřice. **9**

← Leave the mooring place. Cross under the bridge on the left and pass a skate park.

→ At the first opportunity, turn right and pass under the railway tracks.

→ Then turn right and continue to the next junction.

→ At the next intersection, turn right and drive onto the Tyršův most bridge. Cross the bridge and follow the road resp. cycle path no. 2A for approximately 2.5 km to the centre of Terezín.

Caution: The first stretch to Terezín is a busy main road. Be careful.

- ← At a small golf club with a restaurant turn left onto Litoměřická brána street. Shortly afterwards, turn left
- ← onto Akademická street. At the next crossroads, turn directly right and follow the road to the next green
- area. There you turn left and continue to the bridge that takes you across the river Cheb.
- ← Shortly after the bridge you will find the Terezín Memorial.

Tip: *In a new museum at the entrance to the village, you can study the history of the fortress, which Josef II had built to protect Austria against the Prussians in 1780.*

After visiting the memorial, you can return to the ship the same way.

Cycle Tour Litoměřice - Střekov Castle, approx. 23.5 km

Info: *The route runs predominantly along the right bank of the Elbe. The passages along the Elbe are exceptionally beautiful. You will pass the so-called “Bohemian Gate“, the transition from the Elbe Sandstone Mountains to the Bohemian Low Mountains. You cycle through several villages where you can eat and drink at a reasonable price. The cycle path no. 2 is well signposted. Mind out: The quality of the road surface varies. You have to be prepared for a partly bad surface, especially on the first kilometres.*

- ← Drive from the mooring place **approx. 100 m** to the next street and then turn left. **10**
- Follow the road, then continue parallel to the **railway** and past the **sewage treatment plant**.

- ← Turn left at the **level crossing at Žalhostice**.
- Follow the signs for cycle route no. 2 to Ústí nad Labem.

You reach the village of **Velké Žernoseky** by driving under the **railway**.

Tip: *Velké Žernoseky is the northernmost village of the Czech wine-growing regions. You will find many wineries in the town. Not all of them offer wine for tasting. We recommend that you take a break and taste the wine in the locality directly by the Elbe. There you can enjoy small dishes and wines from the local vineyards. Your tour guide may have a tip for a wine.*

Tipp: You pass the “**Porta Bohemica**“. The place where the Elbe makes its way between the mountains into the Bohemian low mountain range. **11**

You reach **Libochovany**.

→ → After the **church**, cycle past the **town square** on the right, turn right again at the end of the square and then immediately turn left at the **fork**.

↑ At the next fork, go straight on and continue in the **direction of Církvice**. **11**

↑ Shortly after the **pipeline** that crosses the **Elbe**, the cycle path ends in a bend in **road 261**.

← Here you cycle straight ahead. Before the first houses, turn left onto the cycle path again.

→ In **Církvice**, drive along below the **gardens**, past a small harbour with a **jetty** and then turn right behind the **church**.

← → You will come back to **road 261**, turn left and then immediately right again.

← After a **short steep climb**, you cross the **railway tracks** and immediately turn left again onto the cycle path. You ride into a **wooded area** and up to another **short steep climb**.

← → After a **short steep descent**, turn left under the **railway line** and turn right at the **T-junction**.

← In **Sebuzín**, take the road above the **roundabout** half-right and pass the **chapel** on the left.



Attention: Do not drive steeply uphill on the right!

↑ Cycle past a **passage barrier** and across a small **tributary**. Continue straight ahead and at the **end of the path** turn left downhill. Cross the road and turn right onto the riverside cycle path to **Brná**. **12**

Tip: On the way, there are several beautiful places along the bank where you can treat yourself to a little rest.

You pass the town sign of **Ústí** and drive past the **sports boat harbour** and the **thermal spa**.

At the town exit of **Brná**, cross again the **railway tracks**. Then cycle steeply uphill.

← At the top, follow **cycle path no. 2** and turn sharply left.

Stay close to the river bank on the left at the **fork near the houses** and cycle between the **tracks** and the road to the **lock** below the **ruins of Střekov Castle**.

Tip: *The ruins of Střekov Castle stand on a 100-metre-high rock on the banks of the Elbe and dominate the townscape of Ústí. It was built in 1318 to defend the trade routes. Today it houses a wine tavern, restaurant and terrace with a magnificent view.*

To get to Střekov Castle, turn right just before the lock. At the large crossroads turn right and then immediately left again. Follow the road “Na Zacházce” up to the castle.

Return trip Střekov Castle - Litoměřice, approx. 23.5 km

After visiting Střekov Castle, you can take the same route back to Litoměřice. From the castle, take the road “Na Zacházce” down to the river bank. **12**

Ride along the well-maintained cycle path to **Brná**.

From Brná you continue along the well-maintained cycle path. You cycle sometimes to the right and sometimes to the left of the **railway** close to the shore via **Sebuzín, Církvice** and **Libochovany** to **Velké Žernoseky**. **11**

Follow the signs for cycle route no. 2 to Litoměřice. **10**

You will reach the **bridge over the Elbe** in **Litoměřice** again.

Day 5: Cycle Tour Roudnice - Mělník - Mlčechvosty, approx. 43 km

Start your cycle tour in **Roudnice on the banks of the Elbe**. Follow the now familiar **cycle path signs with the No. 2**. **13**

Info: *You first pass under the Elbe bridge. It was built in 1910 to replace a stone bridge from the Middle Ages. This bridge was the first stone bridge over the Elbe to be built in Bohemia and made Roudnice a strategically important place. Regardless of the water level of the Elbe, it was possible to cross the river safely all year round.*

In 1804, in the castle of Count Franz Joseph of Lobkowitz, Beethoven's III. Symphony "Eroica" premiered in Roudnice, originally dedicated to the French Revolution and most of all to Napoleon.

Tip: *The centre of Roudnice is worth visiting. You'll find a tourist information at the market square.*

After **approx. 3 km**, briefly leave the **banks of the Elbe** in **Dobříň**. Continue to follow cycle path no. 2. Shortly after the end of the town, the cycle path leads you back to the banks of the Elbe. **13**

→ At km 7.8 turn right into the **village of Záluží**. Shortly after, turn right again and follow cycle path no. 2
→ through the village. You follow the cycle path and arrive at the **water sports centre** in **Račice**. **14**

Info: *In 1986, a competition pool over 2,000 m long was built in an abandoned gravel pit for the World Rowing Junior Championships. In 1993 and 2022, the World Rowing Championships were held here. Since the first World Rowing Championships in 1993, international rowing, canoeing and dragon boat competitions have been held here. A holiday resort for active holidaymakers has developed all around.*

In **Račice**, continue to follow cycle path no. 2.

In about **1 km** you come back to the **banks of the Elbe** and stay on the river until **Mělník**. **14** **15**
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Info: Shortly after Horní Počaply you will pass the huge area of the Mělník power plant - „Elektrárna Mělník“. The largest lignite-fired power plant in the Czech Republic has been generating electricity and district heating for over 50 years. A 32 km pipeline even supplies Prague with hot air. Since modernisation in the 1990s, 95% of the exhaust gases have been purified - you can perhaps imagine the „thick air“ that used to prevail here. **15**



Through the beautiful **alluvial forest** you come to **Mělník**. **16**
To visit the castle, first cross the **Old Town Bridge** and turn right.

Caution: The road is steep.

For the remaining stretch from **Mělník** to **Miřechvosty**, come back here afterwards.

Info: Counts, kings and emperors influenced the development of the town during the centuries and left their traces. Emperor Charles IV had planted wine from Burgundy on the sunny slopes of the Elbe. Falling victim to a major fire in 1652, the town was rebuilt in Baroque style. That was when Melnik became a nice little town worth to be visited, with a proud castle towering over the Elbe and pretty pastel coloured houses facing the market place. – Here Jan Palach was born and grew up. On 16th of January 1969, he set himself on fire on the Wenceslas Square in Prague in protest of the Russian invasion that crushed the „Prague Spring“.

Tip: Experience both the lovely town of Mělník and the castle on a guided city tour.
Meeting point for this optional excursion is the castle court.

To continue your **cycle tour to Miřechvosty**, the starting point will be the **Old Town Bridge Starý Most**, which leads over the Elbe. **16**

Now follow the **Elbe cycle path no. 7** again in the **direction of Prague**.

From the **Old Town Bridge**, drive through the **forest** to **Hořín Castle**.

In **Hořín** you cross the **canal**. **17**

Info: *Riding through the fields, take a look at the right. There you will see the mountain “Rip“, the Czech national landmark, a 459 m solitary hill raising up from the flatland, a remnant of a volcano. During the migration period, headman Czech, forefather of the Czech, is said to have climbed this hill. When he saw that the vast land was unsettled, he declared it homeland to his tribe. According to legend, this is the origin of Czech people and what is now the Czech Republic. This legend was first written down in the medieval and underwent an almost mystical glorification during the Czech National Movement in the 19th century. This is how the hill became the symbol of the Czech nation.*

Indeed there is a special atmosphere on this hill, which is explained by scientists with a magnetic anomaly. This leads to a unique radiation which perhaps explains the special attraction of the hill since the oldest time. The hill belonged to Count Lobkowitz until 1945 and was then dispossessed. As a consequence of the Velvet Revolution, the Czech Republic restored the hill - along with other property - back to the Lobkowitz family.

You arrive at **Lužec**. **17**

→ → Pass the **church** on the right side and follow the street that takes a **sharp right bend**. **18**

You are now on **Route No. 8242**.

← Cross a **bridge**. Then turn **sharply left** and follow the **canal on your left**.

Then you reach **Vraňany**.

← **At km 11:** At the end of the road in **Vraňany** turn left towards **Nová Ves**. Stay on this road. Pass under the **railway**.

← **At km 12.7:** Shortly after the **railway**, there will be an **intersection**. Turn left into the village of **Mlčechvosty**.

- ← **At km 13.1:** In the village of **Mlčechvosty** at a former inn, turn left into the paved road.
- The road **bends** and ends in the unpaved **village square**. Here, turn right into the **steep lane** that crosses **under the railway** and ends directly at the **mooring place**.



Attention: Please push your bike down the steep alley!

Day 6: Cycle Tour Mlčechvosty - Prag, approx. 42 km

- ← Ride from the mooring back to the **main road** of **Mlčechvosty** and then cycle uphill to the left for **about 1 km**. **19**
- ← You will come to a **simple, iron cross**. Here, take the path on the left **between two fields** and go down the **hollow way**.



Attention: Get off the bike and push!

- ← After **500 m** turn left onto the **asphalt road** and follow its course through the village of **Vepřek** for approx. **1.4 km**. At **the end of the road** turn left.
- After **150 m** **turn right** and cycle in the direction of **Staré Ouholice**. Cycle around the village to the right until you reach a **fork** in the road. Turn right there and cycle to the **motorway**.
- ← At **km 5**, cross the dual carriageway (**Be careful:** Lots of traffic!) and after a **sharp left turn**, follow the course of the road.
- ← At **km 6.5** you will see the **lock** and the **iron bridge** over the Vltava on your left and the **yellow signpost** to **cycle path no. 7** on your right.
- ← Follow the road, crossing the **railway** and after **8 km**, just before **Nelahozeves Castle**, turn left between **the church** and **Dvořák's birth house**. **20**
- Immediately after the **railway tunnel**, turn right and drive parallel to the tracks to the **large bridge in Kralupy**. **20**

- At **km 10**, cross the **Vltava**, turn right under the **big bridge** and follow the river.
- ← At **km 17.4**, at the **end of the shore path** by the **small ferry** and the **restaurant**, turn left up into the **forest**. **21**
- You drive via **Vodochody** and **Drasty** to **Klečany**. **22**
- At the **market square in Klečany**, turn right down to the river, then turn left and continue along the river bank.
- ←
- At **km 34**, you pass **Troja Castle** and the **curved cycle bridge** over the **Vltava**. **Do not cross it**. **23**
- Follow the path for **2.2 km** until you reach the **motorway bridge**. **24**
- ← Go up to the left and follow the road for **900 m on the segregated cycle path**.
- Then turn right onto the **wide park path** down to the **river (No. A21)**.
- ← At **km 38** you reach a **flood wall**. Ride over the **lock gate** past the **modern new buildings** onto the road. Turn left here.
- ↑ After **about 300 m**, turn right to a **sculpture garden**, then keep going straight towards the **centre**.
- After the **road bridge**, turn right down to the **river**.
- Then continue along the **river** to the **Čechův Most bridge**. Cross the bridge to get to the **mooring place**.

Your Alternative:

Relax on board and travel comfortably by ship to Prague. Arrival in Prague in the afternoon.

Day 7: Cycle Tour Prag - Zbraslav - Prag incl. visit to the Vyšehrad Castle, approx. 31 km

Info: At the beginning, your route takes you briefly through Prague's bustling traffic before descending to the quiet banks of the Vltava at the "Dancing House".

Tip: At the Dancing House on the Vltava, it's "party time" every evening under the open sky.

Info: You will pass the mooring places, the imposing Vyšehrad Castle (definitely recommended!) and some cubist houses - a Prague speciality.
A little later, if the weather is nice, you have the opportunity to take a dip in the river.
You cycle past rowing clubs, the idyllically situated golf course, various garden restaurants, cycling more or less close to the river until you reach Zbraslav. Unfortunately, the castle is no longer open to visitors.
You can also interrupt the tour at km 3.2 and cycle up to Vyšehrad Castle or make this detour on the way back.

Cross the **Čechův Most bridge** to get to the other side of the river.

Ride up the **ramp** on the right and always keep close to the river. **25**



After **400 m**, just before the **Charles Bridge**, take a sharp left and after **80 m** turn right onto the busy **river side road**. **Attention: Lots of traffic!**



You pass **Charles Bridge** and follow the street until you see the "Dancing House".

→ At the next opportunity (at **km 1.6**) turn right down onto the **shore path (yellow sign A2)**.

Continue along the **river** to the **end of the trail**, then back up to the road and at **km 3.2** through a **short tunnel** under **Vyšehrad Castle** and always continue along the **cycle path**, first along the **road** and later back down to the **river**.

At **km 7**, the dotted centre line of the cycle path ends abruptly. Turn right, past **industrial ruins**, turn right again after **400 m** and then immediately left again.

A **yellow A2 sign** and a beautiful **avenue of lime and poplar trees** await you there. **26**

Continue along the **river**, past the **golf course** and numerous **garden restaurants** and a **bathing beach**. **26** **27**

Tip: *Shortly after the motorway bridge, at km 14.4, before the road bridge to Zbraslav, you will reach a nice restaurant and a sunbathing lawn with beanbags and deckchairs. There you can drink homemade lemonade and eat small delicacies.*

Info: *Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to visit the castle. It is privately owned. The place on the opposite side of the river is not particularly worthwhile.
If you would like to cycle a little further - please include the way back in the total distance as well - you can cycle a little further upstream on the opposite bank along the Vltava cycle path.*

Way back to the ship

Cycle back the **same way** until you reach the **small tunnel** and cycle through it.

After the **tunnel**, please push your bike along the **footpath** to the **traffic lights** in front of the **iron bridge**.

Your gaze falls across the road to an **unusual, cubist corner house - the Villa Kovarovic**. **25**

Tip: *Prague is the world capital of cubist architecture. In most countries, Cubism prevailed mainly in painting. In Prague, however, a number of impressive cubist buildings were erected at the beginning of the 20th century. No less than five of them (built immediately before the First World War) can be admired below Vyšehrad Castle: Villa Kovarovic at Libusina Str.49/3, two houses at Neklanova Str. 56/2 and 98/30, and the Triplex Family House at Rašínovo Embankment No. 42/6, 47/8 and 71/10. And if you are even more interested in this style, the "House of the Black Madonna" in the city centre is highly recommended.*

Cross the road here and follow the **course of the railway** for about **100 m**, then turn right into **Vratislavova** street.

Now it's a fairly steep climb up to the mighty **gate of the Vyšehrad castle fortress**. There the bicycles can be attached to the railing. The **extensive castle complex** is best explored and enjoyed on foot.

Info: *For a long time, the picturesque rock of Vyšehrad was considered the legendary seat of the earliest Czech ruling dynasty, especially the legendary Princess Libussa, the ancestral mother of the Czechs, who also foresaw the founding of Prague here in a vision and prophesied a great future for the city. In the meantime, however, it has been proven that the “High Castle“ was not settled and fortified until two generations after the castle on Hradčany, i.e. at the beginning of the 10th century. Nevertheless, after losing its strategic importance in the 19th century, Vyšehrad advanced to become a kind of sacred mountain of Czechity, inspiring painters, poets and composers to patriotic flights of fancy. Many of them, as well as politicians, statesmen and other important people, therefore found their final resting place at the top of the legendary cemetery. An absolute must-see for visitors, just like the church of St. Peter and Paul, decorated with lavish Jugendstil ornaments, or the Romanesque St. Martin’s Rotunda, which once adorned the market square of the small town on the high mountain.*

Tip: *Just a few kilometres from the hustle and bustle of the city centre, you can relax wonderfully up here, enjoying the remarkable peace and the fabulous view of the Hradčany, the Letna, the Old Town and the course of the Vltava.*

Now cycle along the **banks of the Vltava** along the same route back to the **mooring place (for about 3.2 km)**, the way you came.



Please take care in city traffic!

Tip: *Take part in a guided city tour in the morning.*

Day 8: Prague - Disembarkation

After breakfast it’s time to say goodbye. We hope you had a wonderful time. We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you again! Your team from SE-Tours GmbH



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