

The "Golden City" and the Rivers Moldova and Elbe

MS FLORENTINA: With Bike and Barge from/to Prague

Characteristics:

Operator: SE-TOURS GmbH

Participants: from 45 up to 88

Tourtype: individual

Children: no

Regions: Böhmen, Eger, Elbe, Moldau, Prag

Countries: Czech Republic

Benefits:

- 7 nights in outside cabin with en-suite shower facilities in the booked category
- Programme according to itinerary from/to Prague
- Welcome drink
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Change of bedding and towels
- Full board (breakfast buffet, packed lunch for cycle tours or lunch snack, coffee and tea in the afternoon, three-course dinner)
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Daily briefing for the respective cycle tour
- Maps and information material 1x per cabin
- SE-Tours tour manager on board
- Rental bike insurance

Additional costs:

- All other costs: on request (bikehire, cabin categories, additional nights, transfers and so on)

Tour description:

The Czech Republic, the small country in the heart of Europe, impresses with its original river landscapes, picturesque villages and romantic castles, whose history and architecture can often be traced back to the Middle Ages.

Prague, known also as "the Golden City" and "the City of a Hundred Spires", is both point of departure and final destination for this beautiful bike and barge tour along the Upper Moldova, in Czech called Vltava, and the huge Elbe River - when the bridges of the Vltava River are ablaze with sunlight and the spires of the castle sparkle in the light, then it becomes obvious that Prague has its nickname "Golden City" with good reason! Multifaceted and unique, modern and at the same time aware of tradition - discover one of Europe's most beautiful metropolis with its Old Town listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. The MS FLORENTINA moors close to the



Charles Bridge and is therefore an ideal springboard for exploring this gorgeous city - the marvellously restored Market Place, the busy Wencelslas Square or the Jewish quarter are waiting for you. And you will not be missing out on good food - beer and roast pork with dumplings, just to name one of the many specialities - when you are on the move with your bike do not miss to have a break and quench your thirst with a original Czech amber nectar.

MS FLORENTINA:

Built in 1980 and completely refurbished between 2008 and in 2014 the MS FLORENTINA is a cosy and comfortable middle-class ship. The Czech chef prepares national good home cooking and international dishes which will be served in the bright, friendly restaurant with bar. Both the little lounge next to the reception and the observation saloon with its panoramic windows on the upper deck offer comfortable seating areas. Rest and relax you find on the deck chairs on the large sun deck. The ship features 16 twin cabins (approx. 10 sq m) and 4 single cabins (approx. 8 sq m) with French balcony (opening windows) on the upper deck, and 25 twin cabins (ca. 10 sq m) and 2 single cabins (ca. 8 sq m) on the main deck (windows cannot be opened). All 47 cabins are outside cabins and have en-suite shower facilities. They all also include a central air condition with individually adjustable ventilation, hairdryers, TV's and safes. There is W-LAN on board (please note that the signal is not always available).

Technical Details:

Year Built: 1980. Passenger Capacity: max. 88. Length: 80 m. Beam: 9.6 m. Draught: 1.5 m. Height: 5 m. Speed: 12 km/h. Flag: CZ. On Board Currency: Euro. Credit cards: EC-Maestro, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Sunday, Arrival in Prague

Individual arrival in Prague. Embarkation from 4pm. After dinner, take a stroll over the Charles Bridge, particularly beautiful in the dark, and enjoy the stunning view of the illuminated Prague Castel.

Day 2: Monday, Guided Walking Tour Prague (optional) - Prague - Kralupy, Cycle Tour approx. 30 km

In the morning, there will be an optional guided walk to discover the right bank of the Vltava River, the highlights of the Old Town, the New Town and the Jewish Quarter (duration approx. 2 hours). After returning to the ship, you will be handed out your bike and at around 11:30 am start for your first cycle tour. You will cycle along the Vltava River via Troja (Baroque castle - National Art Gallery) to the village of Klecánky and then over the tread of the Vltava via Drasty, Vodochody back to the river bank to today`s destination Kralupy. Arrival of the ship at around 5pm.

Day 3: Tuesday, Kralupy - Mělník, Excursion Nelahozeves (optional), Cycle Tour approx. 26 km, Boat Trip to Litoměřice/Leitmeritz

After breakfast, around 9am, we will take out the bike again. You will cycle - almost always along the Vltava River - to Nelahozeves. Visit with us the birth house of Antonin Dvořák and one of the most famous Renaissance castles of Bohemia, also known as the "little Louvre of Czechia" (optional). The tour takes you past the Veltrusý Park, with numerous sculptures and gazebos in an extensive terrain, up to the royal town of Mělník. Around about 1.30pm, return back to the ship and enjoy the boat trip on the Elbe River to Litoměřice.

Day 4: Wednesday, Litoměřice - Guided Walking Tour (optional), Cycle tour to Ustí and back (approx. 53 km)

A day at leisure. On a guided walk (optional), you will have the possibility to discover one of the most beautiful Czech towns, the royal town of Litoměřice. The colourful Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings in the town centre, which for the most part is encircled by well-preserved Gothic fortifications, will enchant you. Well-worth seeing: Baroque Cathedral of St Stephen atop the dome hill, the historic underground (extensive tunnel system) or the Bishop's residence. You might also be interested in a visit to the Terezín Memorial (Theresienstadt) in the village of Terezín. The concentration camp memorial is located only 5 km away. The more advanced cyclists may feel to cycle to Ustí - idyllically situated in the narrow valley of the Elbe river - You will come by the Bohemian Gate and by the old castle ruin Schreckenstein. The MS FLORENTINA will moor overnight in Litoměřice.

Day 5: Thursday, Litoměřice - Roudnice - Mlčechvosty, Cycle Tour Roudnice - Mělník - Mlčechvosty, approx. 45 km, Excursion Castle Tour and coffee and cake in the castle-patisserie (optional)

Early in the morning, the ship will take you to Roudnice. Your cycle tour starts at around 09:00 am. Almost always alongside the Elbe, via Dobřín, Račice and Vliněves, you cycle back again to the lovely village of Mělník.

On a guided walk (opt.) enjoy the splendid panoramic view of the confluence of the Vlatwa and Elbe River from the top of the castle hill. Afterwards, have coffee and cake in the castle-patisserie. You continue cycling to today's destination Mlčehvosty. Arrival of the ship at around 4:30 pm.

Day 6: Friday, Mlčehvosty - Prague, ca. 37 km

Today you can go for a last bike tour via Veltruský Park, Nelahozeves, Kralupy, Chvatěruby, Vodochody, Drasty and Klecánky to Prague or you relax on the sun deck. You will arrive at Prage at ca. 3:30 pm. The rest of the day is reserved for Prague.

Day 7: Saturday, Prague, Prague - Zbraslav Castle and back, ca. 30 km

Visit the Prague Castel with the Golden Lane, the Powder Tower, just meander along the streets or watch the lively goings-on sitting in one of the cafes on the Old Town Square. There are countless possibilities! In case you feel like cycling, make a tour upstream along Vltava River to Zbraslav castle and back.

Day 8: Sunday, Prague

After breakfast, till 09:30am disembarkation and individual departure.

Important:

Embarkation: From 4 pm.

- Disembarkation: After breakfast, until 9:30 am.

- Bike hire on board: Smooth-running 7 speed-unisex-city bikes made by KTM (custom built for SE-tours) with hand- and back pedal brakes or 7 speed freewheel hubs and with pannier bags. Electric bikes (limited number available - early booking required). On booking, please tell us your body height.

- Languages on board: German, English

- Cycle Tours: individual and self-guided. You will cycle from 26 to 53 km. The kilometres indicated for the cycle tours are approximate.

- Cycle ways/level of difficulty: The cycle tour is suitable for people with average fitness level. You will cycle on paved or asphalted cycle ways, on very lightly-trafficked agricultural roads as well as on unpaved trails leading through forests or fields. There will also be short legs along heavy-trafficked roads. The terrain is mostly flat, though there are some slopes to cope with.

- Excursions: Optional excursions during the journey must be booked on board.

- Luggage on board: We recommend waterproof rain gear, bike helmet, sun hat and sports shoes.

- Special dietary needs: (e.g. lactose-free and gluten-free diet) On request and there will be an extra fee. Please inform us at least 14 days prior to departure. If necessary, some special dietary product must be brought along.

- Alterations of schedule or programme: Subject to change. In the event that because of low or high water levels or adverse weather conditions a route cannot be taken, the captain reserves the right to change the route for your safety (this would not be a reason for fee-free cancellation).

- For safety reasons, sun deck access may be limited in times of high water levels/low bridge clearance.

- Bicycles may sometimes be stored ashore overnight as a transport on the ship would not be possible due to low bridge clearance.

- Please note for your tour planning that due to numerous locks, the ship will always be slower than a cyclist.

- Travel documents: EU citizens need a valid identity card or passport for this journey.

<https://www.boat-and-bike.com/tour/the-golden-city-and-the-rivers-moldova.html>