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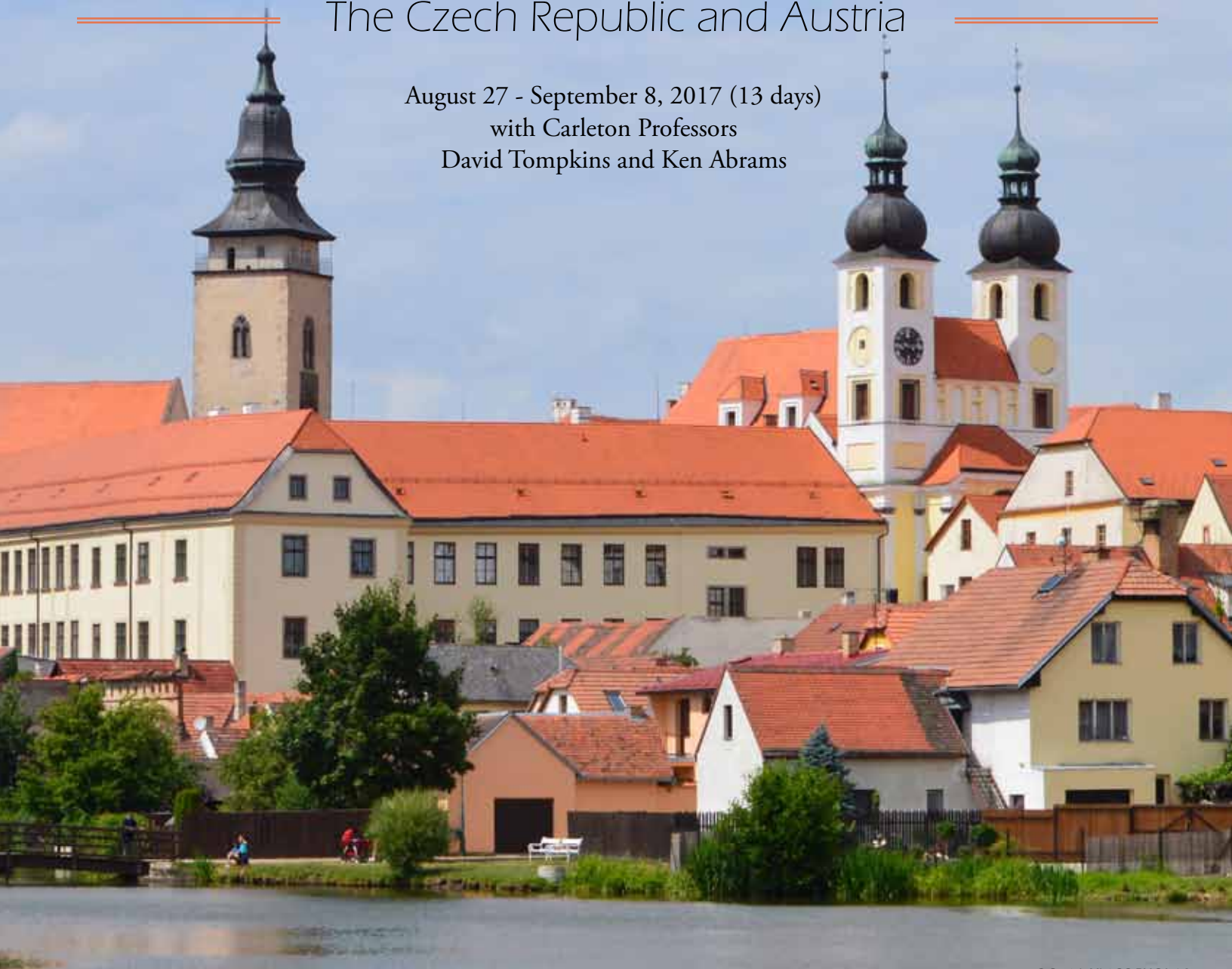
## Cycling <sup>the</sup> Countrysides <sup>of</sup> Central Europe

The Czech Republic and Austria

August 27 - September 8, 2017 (13 days)

with Carleton Professors

David Tompkins and Ken Abrams



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## Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I am delighted to invite you to join Carleton alumni for a brand-new adventure: a cycling tour of charming towns and stunning landscapes steeped in history, architecture, politics, and fairy tale allure. This active program is bookended by two-night city stays in Prague and Vienna—two of Europe's gems, and accompanied by history professor David Tompkins and psychology professor Ken Abrams—two of Carleton's gems.

Imagine cycling (from 16 to 44 miles per day for seven cycling days) between atmospheric medieval towns and along country roads and winding rivers, in the company of two engaging faculty leaders as your guides to the region's history and culture, and with the support of a tour manager to handle the logistics of your vacation while you relax, experience, and learn.

Relish the convenience of a rented bicycle, helmet, and small bike bag for the duration of your cycling days. Those who choose to skip a cycling leg can travel to the next destination in our 20-seater van. Highlights include visiting five UNESCO World Heritage sites; cycling through the Bohemia Lake District, Česká Kanada Nature Park, and Moravian villages; and evenings spent strolling through old town squares.

If you enjoy cycling and wish to experience the past and present of central Europe, I recommend that you contact Alumni Adventures today, as this program is limited to only 16 Carls and friends.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Ladner Maris '85*

Sarah Ladner Maris ('85)  
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

## ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

### Sunday, August 27, 2017: Depart Home

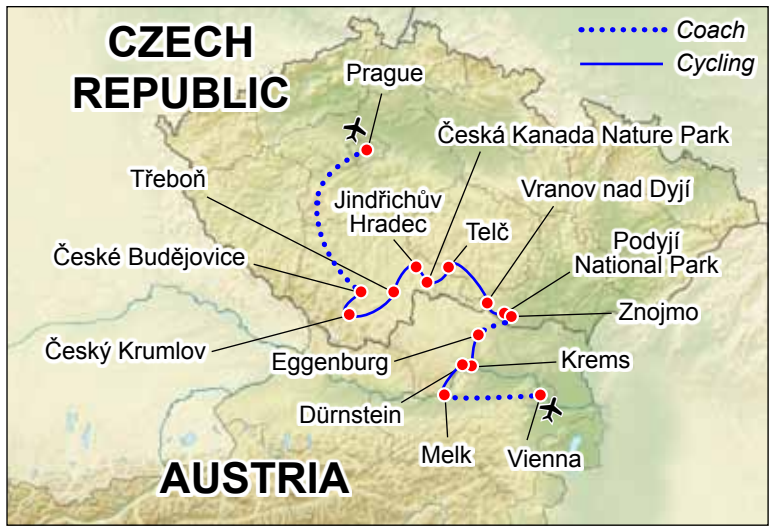
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG).

### Monday, August 28: Arrive Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC

Upon arrival in Prague no later than 4:00pm, you will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to settle in, relax, and perhaps get acquainted with the area. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.  
*Overnight at Hotel AXA for two nights. (D)*

### Tuesday, August 29: Prague

Take a guided walking tour of Prague this morning. The city, spanning both banks of the Vltava River, is one of Europe's most beautiful, and its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site overflowing with magnificent architecture. Start at Prague Castle, the largest old castle in the world, whose walls contain a variety of buildings and museums of eclectic architectural styles, including monumental St. Vitus Cathedral and the



Above, Route No 12 in České Budějovice. Below, biking signs in the Central Bohemian Region.  
Bottom, Prague Castle, Mala Strana and the Charles Bridge spanning the Vltava River, Prague.



picturesque small houses of the Golden Lane. Continue on to admire the Baroque splendor of St. Nicholas Church and the magnificent Charles Bridge, and enjoy the winding streets of the Old Town. The afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration. Gather this evening for dinner at our hotel. (B,D)

**Wednesday, August 30: Prague | České Budějovice | Český Krumlov**

*Cycling: 16 miles*

Check out of our hotel early this morning and take a scenic, three-hour drive by private coach to České Budějovice. Take a guided tour of the brewery, followed by lunch in the brewery's restaurant. Set out this afternoon on our first cycling excursion to Český Krumlov, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a walking tour of this atmospheric medieval town this evening, before having dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Mlýn.* (B,L,D)

**Thursday, August 31: Český Krumlov | Třeboň**

*Cycling: 39 miles*

This morning we take a guided tour of Český Krumlov's expansive castle, which demonstrates architecture ranging from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, including its fascinating Baroque theater, a tour of which uncovers the behind-the-scenes workings that were integral to baroque theater itself, such as scene-changing and sound effect contraptions. From here we cycle to Třeboň, enjoying a picnic lunch along the way. This Renaissance town is a spa resort and site of a lovely castle and the hexagonal, Neo-Gothic Schwarzenberg Tomb (or Family Vault). Dinner is at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at Lázně (Spa) Aurora.* (B,L,D)

**Friday, September 1: Třeboň | Bohemia Lake District | Červená Lhota | Jindřichův Hradec | Česká Kanada Nature Park | Telč**

*Cycling: 18 miles or 43 miles*

Cycle (18 miles) through the mosaic of ponds, woods, and meadows of the Bohemia Lake District to the beautiful castle at Červená Lhota (Red Village), located on a small island in a pond. After a picnic lunch, we continue cycling to the historic town of Jindřichův Hradec, where we visit the magnificent Italianate music pavilion in the castle's garden. Those who are interested may then continue cycling (25 miles) through the rolling hills and forests of Česká Kanada Nature Park to the hilltop town of Telč. (Those who prefer may instead be driven from Jindřichův Hradec to our hotel in Telč.) Dinner is at leisure this evening. *Overnight at Hotel Antoň.* (B,L)

**Saturday, September 2: Telč | Vranov nad Dyjí**

*Cycling: 35 miles*

Explore this morning the charming town of Telč, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site and an outstanding example of Renaissance town planning and architecture. The town boasts a lovely square with rows of late Gothic and early Renaissance houses, Romanesque and Baroque churches, a plague column, and a majestic Renaissance palace. After a guided tour of the palace, visit the extensive landscape park just beyond the city gates. Cycle through charming Moravian villages (with a picnic lunch along the way) to picturesque Vranov nad Dyjí. Gather for dinner at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at Zámecký Hotel.* (B,L,D)

**Sunday, September 3: Vranov nad Dyjí | Podyjí National Park | Znojmo**

*Cycling: 26 miles*

This morning we take a guided tour of Vranov Castle, perched on a promontory overlooking the Dyje River. Then cycle through the Podyjí National Park, along the border of Austria, with its unspoiled nature and beautiful views of the deep, forested river valley. Enjoy a picnic lunch along the way, and continue on to Znojmo, with its medieval city walls, Gothic churches, and castle. Gather for dinner at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at Hotel Prestige.* (B,L,D)



Above, Jindřichův Hradec. Below, Austrian scenery.  
Bottom, Krems an der Donau, Austria.



## Monday, September 4: Znojmo | Eggenburg, AUSTRIA | Krems

*Cycling: 44 miles*

We check out of our hotel this morning and drive across the Czech-Austrian border. Starting at Eggenburg, we cycle through an undulating landscape of forested hills and vineyards to Krems, a lovely town in the Wachau Valley, with a picnic lunch along the way. This evening in Krems (located in a well-known winemaking region) we gather for a wine tasting and dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Unter den Linden.* (B,L,D)

## Tuesday, September 5: Krems | Dürnstein | Melk | Emmersdorf

*Cycling: 23 miles*

Cycle from Krems to Dürnstein, where we find the ruins of the castle in which Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192-93. Enjoy a picnic lunch and continue cycling to Melk. The scenic countryside of the Wachau Valley between Krems and Melk, known as the Wachau Cultural Landscape, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our hotel is just across the Danube River from Melk, in Emmersdorf an der Donau. Dinner is at leisure this evening. *Overnight at Hotel Donauhof.* (B,L)

## Wednesday, September 6: Emmersdorf | Melk | Vienna

Spend the morning in Melk, including a guided tour of the picturesque Baroque abbey that served as inspiration for Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose*. After a picnic lunch, we depart for Vienna this afternoon via private coach. *Overnight at Azimut Hotel Delta Vienna for two nights.* (B,L)

## Thursday, September 7: Vienna

This morning, take a guided walking tour of Vienna, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our tour features the most prominent of the city's countless sights: the magnificent Gothic Stephansdom, a symbol of Austrian reconstruction post-WWII; the stately Hofburg Palace, currently the seat of the Austrian President; Parliament; the Viennese City Hall; the Opera House; the famous Art Nouveau Anker clock; and Maria Theresa Square. The afternoon is at leisure to explore independently or relax. Vienna has a long tradition of wine-making, and the city boasts more than 1700 acres of vineyards. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner at a typical Viennese *heurige* (wine tavern). (B,D)

## Friday, September 8: Vienna | Home

Transfer this morning to Vienna National Airport (VIE) for flights homeward. Flights should depart Vienna no earlier than 7:00am. (B)



Above, cycling through Austria. Below, the Melk Abbey that overlooks the town of Melk and the Danube River.



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# Carleton College Faculty Leaders

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**David Tompkins** is an Associate Professor of History and the Director of the European Studies Program at Carleton College, where he teaches a broad range of courses on European history. In his own research, he specializes in the culture and societies of Eastern Europe. David spent his undergraduate years at Rice University (with stints in London, Vienna, and the south of France), and did his graduate work at Columbia University. He has lived for extended periods in East-Central Europe, including in Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, and Moscow, and travels there regularly. A marathon runner and cycling enthusiast, David has been on extended bike tours in France, Italy, and Central Europe. He has led four previous alumni tours to East-Central Europe, including to the Czech Republic and Austria. During evening discussions, David will talk about communism in Central Europe, the rise of the far right in Europe, and the history and future of the European Union.



**Ken Abrams** is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Carleton College, where he teaches courses in psychopathology and health psychology. He did his undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College and received his doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Minnesota. Ken taught in the Czech Republic for two years in the mid-1990s, speaks Czech, and has directed six study abroad programs in the Czech Republic. On the study abroad program, Ken teaches cross-cultural psychopathology, which examines the extent to which the etiology and manifestation of mental disorders are affected by culture and politics. An avid biker, Ken frequently does "century rides" and has biked extensively throughout the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Topics Ken plans to address during evening discussions include the political abuse of psychiatry under communism, the rise of eating disorders in post-communist Eastern Europe, the progressive historical approach of the Czechs and Slovaks to individuals with gender dysphoria, and the radical means of treating sex offenders in the Czech Republic.



## What to Expect

This program is appropriate for reasonably fit people with at least athletic beginning, if not intermediate, cycling ability. It combines local sightseeing with leisurely cycling on terrain that is flat or gently to moderately rolling with some short hills. Seven of our eleven touring days will involve cycling legs, with an average daily cycling distance of about 30 miles. (Daily distances are estimated in the enclosed itinerary.) Most cycling will be on quiet roads, although surfaces may be wet or rough. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. The actual itinerary is subject to variables such as the abilities and interests of the group and local weather conditions. Our faculty leaders and tour manager know the region very well, and will assess each day's route and brief the group in advance on planned routes and expected conditions. Some lunches will be packed and eaten (often outside) at appropriate places along our routes. There will be a support van available for those who choose to skip a cycling leg and be driven to the next planned destination, and to allow flexibility for unplanned events. Average daytime temperatures in late August/early September range from the high 60s to high 70s F (occasionally rising to the mid 80s F) with a chance of some precipitation. Durable, comfortable clothing, including proper cycling attire, is essential on this program. *Complete pre-departure details, such as what to take with you and more of what to expect, will be sent to participants.*

## Tour Prices (Per Person)

Double Occupancy ..... \$4,395  
Single Supplement ..... \$795

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). Prices are based on 16 participants.*

*With fewer than 16 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

### Prices Include:

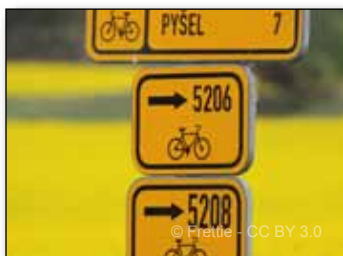
- Carleton College Faculty Leaders David Tompkins and Ken Abrams;
- Accommodations in comfortable 3- and 4-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary;
- 27 meals: 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners;
- Energy bars and energy drinks provided on cycling days;
- Wine, beer, or a soft drink with the welcome and farewell dinners;
- Group arrival and departure airport transfers on group dates;
- 20-seater Mercedes Sprinter support van that will carry your luggage;
- All sightseeing and excursions as per itinerary, including water;
- Rental of bike, helmet, drinking flask and small bike bag for seven days;
- Local guides in Prague and Vienna plus guided tours as per itinerary;
- Services of a professional Tour Manager throughout;
- Gratuities to drivers, waiters (for included meals), porters and local guides;
- Baggage handling where available;
- VAT, local taxes and service charges;
- Complete pre-departure materials.

**Prices Do Not Include:** Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals other than those listed in the itinerary; personal tips; gratuities to the Tour Manager; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; alcoholic or other beverages except as noted above; taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour.

**Passenger Cancellation Penalties:** All requests by passengers for cancellations must be received in writing by Alumni Adventures. Cancellations received at least ninety one (91) days prior to departure are fully refunded less an administrative fee of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per person. Cancellations received ninety (90) to sixty-one (61) days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the total tour cost. Cancellations received sixty (60) days or less before departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. (An application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.)

**Air Arrangements & Transfers:** Airfare from/to home is not included in the tour cost. Group transfers between the airport and hotel on arrival and departure dates are included based on designated times to be advised. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Double (*one bed*)    Twin (*two beds*)    Single

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

I am a  Non-smoker    Smoker

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment. **Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.**

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