

Steve Bauer Bike Tours Inc.

The Road World Cycling Championships in Salzburg Austria

Trip Overview

September 19th : Airport Pickup , van transfers and arrival at our 5 star hotel the Crowne Plaza. Welcome to the beautiful region of Salzburg, with its famous heritage and composer Mozart.

Upon Arrival we will have a light snack and welcome drink to greet you and kick off our trip. After check in and some brief relaxation, we will help assemble all the bikes and get rolling for a short warm up loop. This will help you acclimatize and get the body moving to release some of that travel stiffness.

Group dinner at our Hotel

Hotel: Crowne Plaza "The Pitter" www.salzburg.crowneplaza.com

September 20th : Lets go check out the race course and the World Championships. Today will be our first view of the racers in action. After breakfast we will make our way out of town and an enjoy a great ride in the morning before lunch. In the afternoon we can position ourselves at a great spot to see the Womens Elite and Mens Under 23 Time trial

Once the 2006 World TT champions fit their new rainbow jerseys, we will return to the hotel.

Evening out in Salzburg, group dinner at a selected restaurant.

September 21th : Time to test the legs on some more challenging terrain Today we will get going early and put in a solid ride before the Men's Time Trial kicks off in the Afternoon. In the region of Salzburg lie some fabulous cycling routes. We will ride a fantastic loop through this pretty region which is scattered with some beautiful lakes. A great combination of climbs, valleys, views and forests and unique rural villages highlight the ride. In the afternoon, we will have the opportunity to see the best men in the world go against the clock. Will Micheal Rogers defend his rainbow jersey successfully? Dinner on your own in Salzburg.

September 22 : Training day for the Road Race.

It may be our best opportunity to have a ride on the race course in the morning before they close it for the athletes. Get a real impression of the race course terrain and visualize what it would take to win "the worlds".

Since there is no racing today we will have lots of time to ride, sightsee, relax and visit some the attractions of Salzburg.

Return to the Hotel: Group dinner location to be determined.

September 23 : Road Racing Its' beginning to get exciting.

Two great races today; the Elite Women and the Under 23 men. Take your pick of which race you are most interested in watching and balance you day with another fun cycling lap. Both of these races never disappoint and tend to be more aggressive than the pros. If you have already tired out your legs, perhaps this morning would be an ideal morning to stroll and shop in Verona.

Group dinner in town or at the hotel

September 24 : Mens Road Race

Morning spin, followed by the Big event we have be talking about all week. I am looking forward to how my buddies George Hincapie and Michael Barry will fare on this tough circuit. Will Bettini, Vinokourov be on the attack last lap as in Madrid. Will the strong finishers be able to contain the strong attacks. The Italians are always a team to follow and often dictate some of the strategy. Will the current World Champion Tom Boonen prove again he is the Worlds' best all round one day specialist. Today we will spend most of the day at the race-course watching the big boys do battle.

Final Group Dinner Party.

A Little more Detail

Group Size:

10 - 20 participants

Guide Support:

A minimum of 2 support staff ensure your trip runs well for optimum enjoyment. Steve will join your group as an additional guide. Guides support the daily rides with a combination of cycling with the group or a van shadowing the group depending on the logistics of the day.

Accommodations:

6 nights in the Crowne Plaza Hotel "The Pitter". A five star hotel.

Dining:

We will emphasize fine food and high quality restaurants. Wine will be included on all group dinners.

-> What is included?

- Accommodations
- Gratuities and taxes on hotel accommodations and meals
- Services of our trip leaders: 2 logistical support guides + Steve
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- All ground transfers for you, your bicycle and your luggage within the trip context
- 2 Support Vehicles for any required client shuttles, support of cycling itineraries, luggage transfers, to carry mechanical equipment, first aid, cell phone communications
- Shimano equipped Argon 18 Road bicycle if required (travelers may also bring their own bike)
- Shimano Spare wheels and equipment in case of equipment breakdown
- Customized Steve Bauer Worlds cycling jersey
- Fruit and nutritious snacks for daily rides, cold bottled water for cycling
- route descriptions and mapped itineraries
- Pick up and drop at Arrival and Departure point (**1 Specific Time, 1 Designated Place**)
- Pre-departure information (how to prepare, information on the Road World Championships, the regions we will visit, our hotels and Salzburg attractions of interest)

- SBBT's Cycling Water bottles as needed

-> **What's not included?**

- Airfare
- some lunches and one dinner
- Alcoholic beverages that are not included above
- Travel and personal insurance
- Personal hotel expenses; mini bar, telephone, room service
- Arrival shuttle which does not meet our scheduled pick up time and location.