

PRAGUE, REGENSBURG & MUNICH TO BE CONNECTED WITH A CYCLING TRAIL



Cycling trail running from Prague to Regensburg is planned to be extended this year to Munich. The new trail is expected to attract greater number of German and Czech tourists to the three cities.

The international cycling trail between the German city of Regensburg and Czech capital Prague is going to be extended further to the south to Munich. The plans were announced by the Tourism Association of Eastern Bavaria and mayors of the three cities at a recent tourism fair 'f.re.e' in Munich.

The current cycling trail which is 290 km long will be extended to a total length of 450 km, reported Czech Press Agency. According to the Mayor of Munich Hep Monatzeder, the trail will bring profit to all the three cities involved. In Munich cycling represents 14 per cent of the city transport. By 2015 the city wants to achieve 20 per cent. According to the Mayor currently there are 1,200 kilometers of bicycle trails crisscrossing Munich and also 22,000 stations where cyclists can leave their bikes.

Regensburg has been also promoted as a bicycle friendly city. "Hotels and restaurants are well adjusted to the needs of cyclists that visit or go through our region. Often they even have their own repair shops," said Regensburg's Mayor Gerhard Weber.

According to a cycling guide from Pilsen, Radka Zakova, **the lengthened trail should attract greater number of German visitors coming to the Czech Republic.** "They often come to Pilsen, visit the world known brewery, go for various cycling trips towards Prague and return to Germany via the so called Elbe Cycling Trail."

The Pilsen region which is neighboring with German Bavaria has also another popular cycling trail running from Prague down to Paris going through German Nuremberg. The local cycling trails are used by thousands of domestic and foreign tourists each summer season. Czech towns and villages along the trails have already discovered the great potential of cycle tourism and construct hostels and restaurants to tap the demand.

Once opened the new Prague-Munich cycling trail will be in detail described on the website of the Tourism Association of Eastern Bavaria. Maps and flyers in Czech and German will be also published and provided at tourism information offices.

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