

# SOUTH BOHEMIA 2010 £270

29 July - 5 August (subject to availability)

5 August - 12 August (subject to availability)

All transport. Accommodation. Breakfast plus one other meal each day. Art tuition from Colin and Yoga from Roz!

Other costs:—

All additional meals should be in region of (7 Days)

£60 per person

Air Fare best case

£88

worst case

£220

Incidental Transport cost (taxi to and from Prague airport)

£40

Provisional programme, but the final programme will be modified as things firm up

Thurs. Fly from Bradford met at airport, transfer to South Bohemia by taxi (100 miles). Arrival.

Friday. Painting in the Little Venice area of town. Čičenice and Čudly Pub in evening. Evening walk through the fish ponds area

Sat. Strunkovice Airport (sic) (rail to Strunkovice, then short 15 minutes walk) Painting the countryside. Basic food available with beer. Barbecue Dutch style in evening

Sunday. Svobodny Hory. Landscape painting, Barbecue Czech style in Evening

Mon. On the cute railcar to the ornate main square of Prachatice where we will eat. and paint. Prachatice is the capital of the former German speaking area of the Sumava mountains and was a very rich town. Evening in Vodňany

Tues. Taxi to Český Krumlov returning in evening. This is the ultimate tourist destination in Czech Republic. Set beneath a huge palace and castle in a loop of the river populated with canoes. It can look like it was invented by Disney. Whilst it is a famous painting site (Egon Scheile) it is probably best to explore only with a sketch book and camera as companion. Terrific for your tourist shopping - including art materials. Loads of restaurants and galleries. Mini bus with driver

Weds. Strakonice. Visit castle and Brewery. Painting in Castle and by river. Mini bus with driver

Thurs. Free morning in Vodňany. Return to England

## South Bohemia has always attracted artists.

Sweeping hills, lakes, forests, picturesque villages and towns with the backdrop of the Šumava, the forested mountains on the southern border. The flora and fauna is rich and diverse, expect to see lots of storks and fields and meadows thick with wild flowers. Vodňany is a small town noted for its carp ponds. Perhaps not as pretty as other South Bohemian towns so it will not be overloaded with tourists and keeps a relaxed atmosphere. It has very good communications with the rest of the region and can be easily reached from Prague Beer is cheap and available everywhere. A 'pint' of 10° will be about 14Kč in a village. A pint of the stronger 12° will be about 19Kč in a town. Pilsener Urquell which is massively advertised is an overpriced 28Kč. A Kč is worth approx. 3p. Wine by the glass is just as cheap if not even cheaper; expect the measure to be large. The average generic white or red is perfectly drinkable. Incidentally non alcoholic beer is a big seller and remarkably good.

Vodňany is well supplied with restaurants. Food is good and plentiful but public eating can show an aversion to the vegetable. However you can always order a side salad. A lot of Czechs are into healthy eating. This is by and large a healthy nation with the Czech obsession with being outside a contributing factor, so vegetarianism is now a growing thing and slowly catering is catching up with it, so Vegetarians are better catered for than at first appears. Salads and omelettes

are always available. A soup will be about 20Kč, a main course 80 to 140Kč from the 'day' menu and 120 to 210Kč from the "à la carte" Indulge your sweet tooth by going to a Cukrana, literally a sugar shop, in the morning or afternoon and having extravagant cakes, ice creams and coffee, tea or a glass of Slivovice to wash it down (very good Cukrana next to where we stay).

This is a big Czech tourism area which indulges the Czech passion for cross country skiing in winter and cycling in summer, and hiking at all seasons. The routes are very well marked and maintained with excellent maps available. As this is the Czech lands expect refreshments to be available every 5 kilometres.

Our accomodation is basic, but with character, in The House of Youth in the centre of Vodňany. We will have rooms for 1, 2 or 3 people as you require. We will also have a couple of spacious rooms if we need to paint inside.

## Weather:-

When it's hot, it's hot! You may wish to bring sun cream/sunhats. It's not unknown to have heavy thunderstorms. On the whole, however, warmer than England, average days between 20/25+. Some years mosquitos can be a problem so bring cream or spray. (Sun and insect cream are readily available in CR if you forget or prefer to support the local economy)

## Smallish but important Print

You should be in reasonable health and able to walk up to 4 miles. If you have any health problems we will need written confirmation from a doctor as to the state of your health. You must have your own travel insurance arranged. This is a requirement of Jet2 as well as us. We can recommend Insureandgo.com for reasonable annual cost

If you wish to drive: The overnight ferry via Hull leaves at 9pm, it enables South Bohemia to be reached in a day. We recommend you take longer to enjoy the latter half of the journey, as you swoop through the alpine borders of Bavaria and Czech Republic. Fare is expensive but we may have a heavily discounted fare available, these tickets are remarkable value and the sailing date can be changed at will.

We will fly from Bradford. The earlier we book the flight the cheaper it is. You will be met at Prague airport. You may want to go or return by a later plane to have a holiday elsewhere in the Czech Republic. We can arrange accommodation for you in Prague for this.

We should be able to take some items by car for you. They

### WEEK 1

#### LEEDS BRADFORD to PRAGUE

Thursday, 29 July 2010 Departs: 15:35 Arrives: 18:45 Flight no: LS195

#### PRAGUE to LEEDS BRADFORD

Thursday, 05 August 2010 Departs: 19:25 Arrives: 20:40 Flight no: LS196

### WEEK 2

#### LEEDS BRADFORD to PRAGUE

Thursday, 05 August 2010. Departs: 15:35 Arrives: 18:45 Flight no: LS195-

#### PRAGUE to LEEDS BRADFORD

Thursday, 12 August 2010 Departs: 19:25 Arrives: 20:40 Flight no: LS196

must be available about 6 weeks before your departure.

We are NOT a travel company, although we have much experience of arranging holidays for people in South Bohemia. It is to be understood that we can refuse your participation if we do not feel you to be suitable for the group

Please could you fill in the form on next page and enclose a cheque for £50 per person. Make the cheque out to Colin Rose and send with the deposit money by post to me by 28th March

345 Leymoor Road Huddersfield HD7 4QQ (01484 649836)

You book your own flights AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (after confirmation of date of holiday) The quicker booked the cheaper it is! At the moment it is £80 including all taxes. You will need travel insurance that Jet2 will charge £9.75 although any insurance will do.

If you cannot do this we will arrange to get your flight booked. But it usually works out cheaper if you book for yourself [www.jet2.com](http://www.jet2.com)

To register your interest please tear this strip off and return as soon as possible to Colin or Roz.

I prefer to come on WEEK 1 Your name .....

Number of people .....

I prefer to come on WEEK 2 Your name .....

Number of people .....

My Phone is .....

My email is .....

# NAME, Age and Address of each person travelling

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## Contact details, (email preferred)

email .....

telephone .....

mobile phone .....

emergency contact number in UK  
(when you are in Vodnany) .....

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SINGLE  
ROOM?

WOULD YOU  
PREFER TO DRIVE

WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO DO YOGA

DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH ISSUES THAT  
WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

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