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Prague is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Its uniquely preserved historical centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992, reflects eleven centuries of history. This culturally rich city full of fabulous monuments charms visitors not only with its impressive and diverse architecture and breath-taking views, but also its intimate, romantic atmosphere that is ideal for long walks. Prague is a city of (not just classical) music and art, found here at every step, a city of gardens and parks, and last but not least, a city where the best beer in the world is brewed and savored.

Capital of the Czech Republic (EU member since 2004):

1,300,000 residents

Currency: Czech Crown (CZK)

X Airport: Václav Havel Airport Prague, 30 minutes to downtown

√ www.prg.aero

Distances: Berlin 350 km, Vienna 330 km, Budapest 525 km,

Bratislava 330 km, Warsaw 680 km

Time: Central European Time (GMT +1); Central European Summer

Time +1 (GMT +2)

Climate: mild with four distinct seasons. The coldest month is January, with an average temperature under 0 °C; the warmest is July, with an average temperature of 20 °C.

The **VItava River** flows through the city for 31 km; maximum width 330 m

Historical Centre: Castle District (Hradčany), Lesser Town (Malá Strana), Old Town (Staré Město), New Town (Nové Město) and Vvšehrad

What You Need to Know

- Do you fancy an offbeat look around the metropolis? Take advantage of the 'ekovláček' eco-train, ride a vintage convertible car a historic tram or horse-drawn carriage, or take a boat trip along the Vltava River. Also on offer are tours of Prague with our tourguides or by bike as well as a variety of sightseeing tours.
- Prague public transport includes trams and the metro, as well as buses in the outskirts. If you plan to get around other than by foot, it pays to buy a travel pass for 1 or 3 days. Note that before your first trip, you must stamp the ticket in a ticket machine, otherwise you risk a fine.
- It's easy to get by in Prague speaking English or German, but you can't go wrong with a sincere "Dobrý den" [doh-bree den] ("Hello!").
 To say "thanks", say "děkuji" [dyeh-koo-yi].
- For more useful information, see page 59.



Visitors from around the world are drawn to Prague by its unique symbiosis of carefully preserved monuments of all periods and styles, from Romanesque rotundas, Gothic cathedrals and Baroque churches, Renaissance palaces and gardens, to Art Nouveau, Cubist and purely modern buildings. The skyline is dominated by Prague Castle towering above the Vltava River, which in turn reflects the city's landmarks, towers, church domes, palaces and houses, garden greenery and islands.

Castle District (*Hradčany*) and Surrounding Areas

Prague Castle (Pražský hrad)

🗣 Prague 1 🖈 www.hrad.cz 🖒

Prague Castle has been an important symbol of the Czech state for more than a thousand years. It was founded in the 9th century and became the seat of Czech rulers and, later, presidents. The castle, one of the largest complexes in the world, is made up of historical palaces, offices, church and fortification buildings, gardens, and picturesque spots, such as the famous Golden Lane. O The grounds of Prague Castle are open to the public daily 6:00–22:00 & With the exception of the towers (Daliborka Tower, White Tower, Powder Tower, and the Great South Tower of the cathedral) and the castle ramparts in the Golden Lane, the visitor and exhibition areas are wheelchair-accessible.

Main Historical Buildings of Prague Castle

Cathedral of St Vitus, St Wenceslas and St Adalbert (Katedrála sv. Víta, Václava a Vojtěcha)

www.katedralasvatehovita.cz

This Gothic cathedral, the spiritual symbol of the Czech state, was established in 1344 on the site of the original Romanesque rotunda. The construction took nearly 600 years and was finally completed in 1929. Its impressive interior is home to such wonders as the beautifully decorated St Wenceslas Chapel with the tomb of St Wenceslas, the crypt where Czech kings are buried, and the Crown Chamber, where the Crown Jewels are kept. ② Mon-Sat 9:00-17:00, Sun 12:00-17:00 (April to October) and Mon-Sat 9:00-16:00, Sun 12:00-16:00 (November to March) ③ The Great South Tower of the cathedral is not part of guided tours. It is accessible in good weather daily 10:00-17:00; 10:00-18:00 in the summer.

Old Royal Palace (Starý královský palác)

This palace was the seat of Bohemian princes and kings until the 16th century. It is built on the remains of the Romanesque Soběslav Palace. Most notable is the Gothic Vladislav Hall – the largest secular space of medieval Prague (1487–1500, Benedikt Rejt) with remarkable rib vaulting, today the venue for ceremonial state events.

St George's Basilica (Bazilika sv. Jiří)

The oldest preserved church building at Prague Castle and the best preserved example of Romanesque architecture in Bohemia. Built around the year 920 by Prince Vratislav I, rebuilt in the 12th century, it now has a Baroque façade from the 17th century. Of significance are the chapel of St John of Nepomuk and the chapel of St Ludmila, grandmother of St Wenceslas and the first Czech Christian martyr.

Chapel of the Holy Cross (Kaple sv. Kříže)

Built from 1758 to 1763 by architect Anselmo Lurago, the chapel was rebuilt in the mid-19th century in the Classicist style. It is often also called the Treasury – in the early 1960s, it was turned into an exhibition space displaying the rarest objects of the St Vitus treasure, which contains 139 reliquaries and liturgical objects of great historic and artistic value.

Golden Lane (Zlatá ulička)

These small houses were built into the castle's Gothic fortifications. Castle marksmen and artisans lived here during the 16th century. Franz Kafka lived and worked in house no. 22 from 1916 to 1917.



Prague Castle Picture Gallery (Obrazárna Pražského hradu)

Built in the 1960s on the site of the former stables. The collection consists of works from the remains of the "Rudolfian" collections and from later periods (old German and Dutch Renaissance masters, the Italian Renaissance and Mannerism, Baroque art).

Royal Summer Palace of Queen Anne (Letohrádek královny Anny)

The purest example of Renaissance architecture in Prague, dating from 1538 to 1560, designed by Paolo della Stella, completed by the architect Bonifaz Wohlmut. In the garden, you'll find the Singing Fountain, made from bell metal struck by falling drops of water, the work of Tomáš Jaroš (1564–1568). Exhibition hall.

Ball Games Hall (Míčovna)

Renaissance building decorated with sgraffito located in the Royal Garden. Used for exhibitions and concerts.

Prague Castle Riding School (Jízdárna Pražského hradu)

Baroque building from the late 17th century. The Riding School is a venue for significant exhibitions.

Prague Castle Gardens

More information can be found in the chapter Prague's Green Treasures (see pg. 21).

Changing of the Guard

The changing of the guard takes place at the main castle gates hourly on the hour between 9:00 and 18:00; at 12:00 there's a fanfare and changing of the standards in the First Castle Courtyard.

O The sights at Prague Castle: daily 9:00-17:00 (April to October) and 9:00-16:00 (November to March), closed on December 24.
 ❖ Tickets can be purchased at Prague Castle information centres

in the second and third courtyards or at cash desks at some sights.

• Route A: Old Royal Palace, The Story of Prague Castle exhibition, St George's Basilica, Golden Lane and the Daliborka Tower, Powder

of St Vitus Cathedral, Prague Castle Picture Gallery

Exhibitions charging separate admission fees: The Story of Prague Castle exhibition, the St Vitus Treasury (summer 10:00−18:00, winter 10:00−17:00), Prague Castle Picture Gallery, Powder Tower − Castle Guards exhibition. Tickets are valid for 2 days.

At the Prague Castle Information Office, you can book a tour guide, audioguide, specialised tours, expert lectures, and assistance for disabled visitors. A guidebook for the blind is available, as well as an application with illustrated guides.

The Lobkowicz Palace, the only private building in the Prague Castle complex, is home to a museum featuring the Lobkowicz family art collections. The collections include paintings by world-renowned artists, musical instruments, and manuscripts by important 17th–19th century composers, such as Beethoven and Mozart. It also has a beautiful hall where classical music concerts take place, a café, sales gallery, and a panoramic view (open March–October). ① daily 10:00–18:00

Loreto

🗣 Loretánské náměstí 7, Prague 1 🖈 www.loreta.cz

A Marian pilgrimage site with a replica of the Holy House and the Baroque Church of the Nativity, surrounded by cloisters and chapels. In the tower, a 27-bell carillon plays the Loretan Marian song "A Thousand Times We Greet Thee" (every hour from 9:00 to 18:00). The Loreto Treasury houses a rare collection of liturgical objects from the 16th–18th centuries, the most famous of which is the "Prague Sun", a monstrance encrusted with 6,222 diamonds.
© daily 9:00–17:00 (April to October) and daily 9:30–16:00 (November to March)

Strahov Monastery (Strahovský klášter)

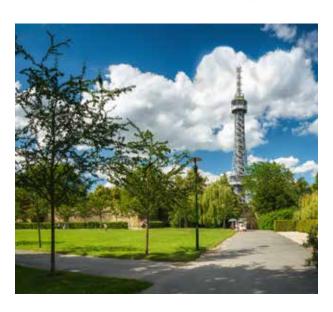
Strahovské nádvoří 1, Prague 1 🖪 www.strahovskyklaster.cz

This Premonstratensian monastery was founded in 1140. The complex includes the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1743–1752); the unique Strahov Library with a number of rare medieval manuscripts, maps, and globes; the Baroque Theological Hall (1671–1679); the Classical Philosophy Hall (1785–1794) decorated with frescoes; the Strahov Gallery, one of the most important collections of Gothic painting, Rudolfian arts, and Baroque and Rococo painting; and a rare treasury with a collection of liturgical works. © daily 9:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00 (Library) and daily 9:00–11:30 and 12:30–17:00 (Picture Gallery)

Petřín Lookout Tower (Petřínská rozhledna)

Petřín Park, Prague 1 🕇 www.muzeumprahy.cz

One of the distinguishing landmarks of Prague, the tower was built in 1891 as a free copy of the Eiffel Tower in Paris (approx. 1:5 scale). The tower is 63.5 m tall and 299 steps lead to its top; an elevator is available for the disabled and seniors. From the upper gallery, there's a view of all of Prague (and farther during clear weather). Immediately adjacent is the mirror maze, some of which render the viewer's reflection almost unrecognizable. O Tower and maze: daily 10:00–22:00 (April to September), daily 10:00–20:00 (March and October) and daily 10:00–18:00 (November to February)



Lesser Town (Malá Strana)

Charles Bridge (Karlův most)

🔾 Malá Strana, Staré Město, Prague 1 🖪 www.prague.eu 🕏

Prague's oldest bridge was built to replace the Judith Bridge that had been badly damaged by floods in 1342. The Stone, or Prague, Bridge, called Charles Bridge since 1870, was begun in 1357 by Charles IV and was completed in 1402. The bridge is built of sandstone blocks, flanked at each end by fortified towers (Lesser Town Bridge Towers, Old Town Bridge Tower). From 1683 to 1928, thirty statues of saints were carved to decorate the bridge, the most famous of which is the statue of St John of Nepomuk.



Lesser Town Bridge Towers (Malostranské mostecké věže)

The smaller tower is Romanesque, dating from the 12th century; its current Renaissance appearance dates to 1591. The late Gothic taller tower, from 1464, is based on the architecture of Parléř's Old Town Bridge Tower. The central gate was built in the early 15th century. ② daily 10:00–22:00 (April to September), daily 10:00–20:00 (March and October) and daily 10:00–18:00 (November to February)

St Nicholas Church (Kostel sv. Mikuláše)

🗣 Malostranské náměstí, Prague 1 🖈 www.stnicholas.cz

One of the most important buildings of Baroque Prague, with a dominant dome and belfry. The interior decoration of the church is an outstanding example of Baroque architecture. The dome has an impressive diameter of 20 m and an interior height of over 49 m – the highest interior in Prague – and its monumentality is enhanced by the ingenious play of light. During Mozart's stay in Prague, he played the organ here. The bell tower is also open, offering a wonderful view of the Lesser Town. O daily 9:00–16:00 (November to January); Mon–Thu 9:00–16:00, Fri–Sun, 9:00–17:00 (February) and daily 9:00–17:00 (March to October)

Church of Our Lady Victorious – Infant Jesus of Prague

(Kostel Panny Marie Vítězné – Pražské Jezulátko)

This early Baroque building, dating from 1611 and rebuilt between 1634 and 1669 by the Carmelite order, is famous for its statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague, originally from Spain and donated to the Carmelites by Polyxena of Lobkowicz in 1628. The Infant Jesus has two crowns and 46 outfits, which are traditionally changed 10 times a year depending on the time of year. A small museum was built to display his clothing and other religious objects.

Mon-Sat 8:30 to 19:00, Sun 8:30 to 20:00

Wallenstein Palace (Valdštejnský palác)

Valdštejnské náměstí 4, Prague 1 4 www.senat.cz

The vast palace complex, the first monumental early Baroque secular building in Prague, was built between 1624 and 1630 on the site of 26 houses, 6 gardens, 2 brickworks, and 1 plot of land for one of the most powerful and wealthiest Czech noblemen of the post-White Mountain period, Albrecht von Wallenstein (1583–1634). Today it houses the Senate of the Czech Republic. © Sat, Sun 10:00–17:00 (April, May, October); Sat, Sun 10:00–18:00 (June to September) and every first weekend of the month 10:00–16:00 (November to March)

Old Town (Staré Město)

Old Town Bridge Tower (Staroměstská mostecká věž)

Staré Město, Prague 1 🕯 www.muzeumprahy.cz

The entrance gate to Charles Bridge from the Old Town, the most beautiful Gothic gateway in Europe, was completed before 1380. Its rich sculptural decoration includes the symbols of the Czech Crown Lands at the time of the reign of Charles IV, statues of St Vitus, Charles IV, Wenceslas IV, St Adalbert, and St Sigismund.

O daily 10:00-22:00 (April to September), daily 10:00-20:00 (March and October) and daily 10:00-18:00 (November to February)

Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí)

Staré Město, Prague 1 🖊 www.prague.eu 🔥

The most significant square of historical Prague. It was founded in the 12th century and has witnessed many historic events. In addition to the Old Town Hall and the Church of Our Lady before Týn, the square is dominated by the St Nicholas Cathedral; the Rococo Kinský Palace (now National Gallery Prague offices and exhibition spaces); the House at the Stone Bell (a Gothic palace from the 14th century, today a concert and exhibition space of the Prague City Gallery); and the Jan Hus Monument by Ladislav Šaloun (1915). In the pavement of the square there are memorial stones marking the execution of 27 Czech lords (June 21, 1621) and the Prague meridian.

Old Town Hall and the Astronomical Clock (Staroměstská radnice s orlojem)

- Staroměstské náměstí 1, Prague 1
- 🖪 www.staromestskaradnicepraha.cz 💺

The Town Hall was established in 1338 as the seat of the Old Town administration. The oldest part of the complex, consisting of Gothic towers, a bay chapel, and rich symbolic décor, dates from the 2nd half of the 14th century. Every hour between 9:00 and 23:00, twelve apostles appear on the famous 15th century Astronomical Clock; below the clock is a calendar featuring the signs of the zodiac painted by Josef Mánes (1865). The eastern wing of the Town Hall was destroyed on May 8, 1945 and has not been rebuilt. Disabled access is available up to the gallery hall tower; the halls are not wheelchair accessible. © Mon 11:00–18:00, Tue–Sun 9:00–18:00 (halls) and Mon 11:00–22:00, Tue–Sun 9:00–22:00 (tower).



Týn Yard (Týnský dvůr) – Ungelt

One of the most important historical sites in Prague. This block of buildings, probably built in the 11th century, was originally a fortified merchant yard, where customs duties – ungelt – were collected, hence the name of the whole area. The most important building here is the Granovský Palace with its arcaded loggia, one of the best preserved Renaissance treasures of Prague, with beautiful sgraffito and murals that depict scenes from the Bible and Greek mythology; of particular note is the painting of the Judgement of Paris.

Church of Our Lady before Týn (Chrám Matky Boží před Týnem)

🗣 Staroměstské náměstí 604/14, Prague 1 🕺 www.tyn.cz 🖒

The most impressive Gothic religious building in Prague, built from the mid-14th century to the early 16th century. At the end of the 17th

century the interior was rebuilt in Baroque style. The church is an extensive gallery of Gothic, Renaissance, and early Baroque works, the most interesting of which are, among others, a giant altar by Karel Škréta and the tomb of astronomer Tycho de Brahe. The organ, dating from 1673, is the oldest in Prague. © March to December Tue-Fri 11:00-13:00 & 15:00-17:00; Sat 10:00-13:00 & 15:00-17:00; Sun 10:00-12:00



St Nicholas Cathedral (Chrám sv. Mikuláše)

Staroměstské náměstí 27a, Prague 1 1 www.svmikulas.cz

A monumental Baroque structure, built from 1732 to 1737 according to plans by Dientzenhofer. Its façade, facing Pařížská Street, was updated in modern times. A niche is fitted with a larger than life-sized, pseudo-Baroque sandstone statue of St Nicholas.

The interior, with its interesting light effects, is a Dientzenhofer masterpiece. A crystal crown chandelier with glass ornaments from the Harrachov glassworks hangs in the nave.

Mon−Sat

10:00−16:00, Sun 12:00−16:00 (except during religious services or cultural events)

Powder Tower (Prašná brána)

Na Příkopě, Prague 1 🕇 www.muzeumprahy.cz

Completed in 1475, this monumental entrance gate, through which coronation processions of Czech kings entered the Old Town, is one of the most significant monuments of the late Gothic architecture in Prague. The Powder Tower, which formerly served as a gunpowder store, is still the starting point for the Coronation, or Royal, Route to Prague Castle. © daily 10:00–22:00 (April to September), daily 10:00–20:00 (March and October) and daily 10:00–18:00 (November to February)

Municipal House (Obecní dům)

🗣 náměstí Republiky 5, Prague 1 🕺 www.obecnidum.cz Ġ

This Art Nouveau building, built from 1905 to 1911, is an example of unprecedented artistic and craft skills and quality. Its rich exterior and interior decorations are the work of Alfons Mucha, Max Švabinský, J. V. Myslbek, and others. The monumental Smetana Hall dominates the stunning interior, which features a plethora of charming lounges and halls; its unique Art Nouveau decorations are

ubiquitous – in the café, the French and Pilsener restaurants, and the American bar, the second oldest bar in Europe. Guided tours several times a day – see **4 www.obecnidum.cz** for the current schedule.



House at the Black Madonna (Dům U Černé Matky Boží)

Ovocný trh 19, Prague 1 ⊀ www.upm.cz 🕏

A masterpiece of Czech Cubist architecture built from 1911 to 1912 according to designs by Czech architect Josef Gočár. The building is exceptional not only for its façade, but also for its Cubist floor plan and the Cubist influence on the interior. It's now home to a permanent exhibition of Czech Cubism as well as the only Cubist café in the world.

Museum: Tue 10:00–19:00, Wed–Sun 10:00–18:00

Bethlehem Chapel (Betlémská kaple)

- Petlémské náměstí 255/4, Prague 1
- 🖪 www.bethlehemchapel.eu 🖒

The chapel was founded in 1391 for Czech sermons, and between 1402 to 1413, when Jan Hus preached here, it gained considerable popularity. In 1661 the Jesuits converted it into a Catholic church and subsequently demolished it in 1786. From 1950 to 1952, a replica of the original building (by architect J. Fragner) was built here. An exhibition entitled "The Bethlehem Chapel in Czech History and the Tradition of Non–Catholic Thought – the Life and Work of Jan Hus" is currently on display. 3 all the year round daily 9:00–17:30

Clementinum (Klementinum)

The extensive grounds of the Clementinum, one of the largest building complexes in Europe, were built as a Jesuit college from the mid-16th to the mid-18th century. Of greatest interest here are the Astronomical Tower, where meteorological measurements have been recorded since 1775; the Mirror Chapel with its richly designed interior and mirrors, which have no equal in the Czech lands; and the Baroque library hall with beautiful frescoes and historically valuable globes. △ Tours are held every day from 10:00, every 30 minutes. The tour lasts approximately 50 minutes, exclusively with a guide, for up to 22 people. The commentary is in English. Book in advance, either by phone or email. You will find more information about opening times on the website.

Rudolfinum

🗣 Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1 f www.rudolfinum.cz 🕓

This world-famous concert hall is home of the Czech Philharmonic, which performed here for the first time in 1896 under the baton of Antonín Dvořák. The neo-Renaissance building was constructed from 1876 to 1884. The main hall – Dvořák Hall – is a venue for exceptional concerts of classical music, especially the Prague Spring music festival.



Josefov

- Prague Jewish Town (Židovské Město) Prague 1
- 🖈 www.prague.eu 💺

Founded in the 13th century, its present appearance is largely the result of an extensive reconstruction from 1893 to 1913 that managed to save only a few of the most important monuments from the centuries-long history of Prague Jews. Nevertheless, it is the best-preserved complex of Jewish monuments in Europe. With the exception of the Old-New Synagogue, the area is administered by the Jewish Museum in Prague.

Old-New Synagogue (Staronová synagoga)

Ç Červená 2, Prague 1 ⊀www.synagogue.cz

One of the oldest and most valuable European and world Jewish monuments, and the oldest synagogue in Central Europe. The early Gothic building dates from the end of the 13th century with rich stonework and antique furnishings (wrought iron Gothic grille and chandeliers). Today it is the main synagogue of the Jewish community in Prague. © Sun-Thu 9:00-18:00 (April to October) and Sun-Thu 9:00-17:00 (November to March); closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Friday closing time varies with the beginning of the Sabbath.

Jerusalem (Jubilee) Synagogue (Jeruzalémská [Jubilejní] synagoga)

The newest and largest synagogue of the Jewish community in Prague is an interesting example of Art Nouveau melded with Moorish style. Its interior is richly painted in Art Nouveau style, and is unlike any other synagogue in the world. © daily except Saturdays and Jewish holidays 11:00–17:00 (April to October)

Jewish Museum in Prague (booking centre)

OMaiselova 15, Prague 1 Awww.jewishmuseum.cz 🕏

Old Jewish Cemetery (Starý židovský hřbitov)

💡 Široká 3, Prague 1 📥

Built in the first half of the 15th century, it served as a burial ground until 1787. Among the 12,000 Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque tombstones are the tombs of Rabbi Judah Loew (1609) and Mordechai Maisel (1601).



Synagogues maintained by the Jewish Museum in Prague:

Spanish Synagogue (Španělská) 🗣 Vězeňská 1 Ġ 🛆 From June 1 2019 to December 2020 the synagogue is closed due to restoration.

Klausen Synagogue (Klausová) © U Starého hřbitova 3a
Maisel Synagogue (Maiselova) © Maiselova 10

Pinkas Synagogue (Pinkasova) © Široká 3
Ceremonial Hall (Obřadní síň) © U Starého hřbitova 3a
Exhibitions in these buildings offer insight into Jewish history and

O Opening times of Jewish Museum in Prague properties: daily except Saturdays and Jewish holidays 9:00–16:30 (November to March), and daily except Saturdays and Jewish holidays 9:00–18:00

March), and daily except Saturdays and Jewish holidays 9:00–18:0 (April to October)

New Town (*Nové Město*) and Vyšehrad

Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí)

Prague 1 / www.prague.eu &

The commercial and administrative centre of the city and the site of important social and historic events. It was created during the founding of New Town by Charles IV in 1348. Today the square is dominated by the National Museum (1885–1891) and the statue of St Wenceslas from 1912, the work of J. V. Myslbek.

New Town Hall (Novoměstská radnice)

Karlovo náměstí 23, Prague 2 / www.nrpraha.cz

A complex of Gothic buildings from the turn of the 15th century, rebuilt in Renaissance style in the 16th century. It includes a tower

with a chapel of the Virgin Mary, two Gothic halls with ribbed vaults, and a Renaissance hall. Seat of the New Town administration from 1377 to 1784. The site of the defenestration of Catholic aldermen by Prague Hussites on July 30, 1419, which started the Hussite Revolution. © Tower: Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00 (April to November)

Emmaus Monastery – Na Slovanech (Klášter Na Slovanech – Emauzy)

The Abbey Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Jerome, and Slavic Saints was founded by Charles IV in 1347 and became a centre of learning, art, and Slavic literature. Murals depicting scenes from both parts of the Bible are a rarity in Europe and rank among the rarest relics of the Czech Gothic. During the bombing of Prague in 1945, the church was badly damaged and its roof was later replaced by a modern structure with concrete towers with white and gold spires. © Mon–Sat 11:00–17:00 (May to September), Mon–Fri 11:00–17:00 (April, October) Mon–Fri 11:00–14:00 (November to March)

Dancing House (Tančící dům)

🗣 Jiráskovo náměstí 6, Prague 2 🖊 www.tancici-dum.cz 💺

This pillar of modern architecture in Prague "danced" onto the Rašín Riverbank in 1996. The project, from the drawing board of world-renowned architects Vlado Milunić and Frank O. Gehry, was inspired by the dance skills of the famous film couple – the stone tower symbolizes Fred Astaire and the glass tower his partner Ginger Rogers.



Vyšehrad

- V Pevnosti 159/5 b, Prague 2 Vyšehrad
- 🖈 www.praha-vysehrad.cz 🕏

According to ancient legends, Vyšehrad is the oldest seat of Bohemian princes, but in fact, the settlement here was established later than Prague Castle – about the mid-10th century. Situated on a rocky promontory above the Vltava River, it offers unique views of the city, and the park area is home to hidden architectural treasures including the rare Romanesque rotunda of St Martin from the 11th century, the neo-Gothic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, built on medieval foundations; the national cemetery (Slavín), where

Antonín Dvořák and other notable personalities were laid to rest; and underground casemates housing the originals of some Baroque statues from the Charles Bridge. The grounds of Vyšehrad are open throughout the day. Obuildings: daily 9:30–18:00 (April to October) and daily 9:30–17:00 (November to March) Vyšehrad Cemetery and Slavín: daily 8:00–19:00 (May to September), daily 8:00–18:00 (March, April, October) and daily 8:00–17:00 (November to February)



Outside the Historical Centre

Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord (Kostel Nejsvětějšího Srdce Páně)

- onáměstí Jiřího z Poděbrad, Prague 3 Vinohrady
- ✓ www.srdcepane.cz

The church is the most significant Czech sacral building of the 20th century. This distinctive modern building, inspired by old Christian designs, is the work of the famous Slovenian architect Josip Plečnik and was built from 1928 to 1932. The original design by Plečnik features a particularly wide, 42 m high bell tower in southern European style, which is topped with a 3 m copper sphere with a 4 m high cross, and a church interior evocative of Noah's ark. © The church is open about 40 minutes before and after Mass. Mass: Mon–Sat 8:00, 18:00 and Sun 9:00, 11:00, 18:00



New Jewish Cemetery (Nový židovský hřbitov)

This cemetery, with countless artistically valuable tombstones, was founded in 1890. Of greatest interest is the 1985 Memorial of Czechoslovak Jews who perished in the Shoah and the Resistance. Another popular sight is the tomb of writer Franz Kafka and his parents (tombstone number 21 – 14 – 21). © Sun-Thu 9:00–17:00, Fri 9:00–14:00 (April to October) and Sun-Thu 9:00–16:00, Fri 9:00–14:00 (November to March); closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

Žižkov Television Tower (Žižkovská televizní věž)

🍳 Mahlerovy sady 1, Prague 3 − Žižkov 🖈 www.towerpark.cz 💺

Undoubtedly the dominant feature of Žižkov, its 216 m height makes it the tallest structure in the entire city as well as the tallest tower in the Czech Republic. We recommend checking out the unique 360° view from thematic cabins and the Oblaca restaurant at a height of 66 m. Ten huge sculptures of babies, by leading Czech artist David Černý, crawl up and down the tower's exterior. © daily 9:00-24:00

National Monument at Vítkov

Q U Památníku 1900, Prague 3 – Žižkov ⊀www.nm.cz 💺

This monument, with its remarkable Art Deco interior, was originally built to honour the Czechoslovak Legionnaires who fought abroad during World War I. Today the National Museum's military history collection is on display here. Together with one of the largest equestrian statues in the world (depicting the legendary Hussite leader Jan Žižka, after whom the entire surrounding district is named), the Vítkov Memorial is one of the visual dominants of the city. The roof, accessible by paying a fee, offers a panoramic view of the city. Wed-Sun 10:00–18:00 (April to October); Thu-Sun 10:00–18:00 (November to March)



Břevnov Monastery (Břevnovský klášter)

The monastery, the oldest in the Czech lands, was founded in 993 by Prince Boleslav II and Bishop Vojtěch. The monastery as it appears today dates from the years 1708–1745 (architect Dientzenhofer) and is a magnum opus of the Baroque. Open for viewing are

the magnificent Baroque Basilica of St Margaret, the 11th century Romanesque crypt, and the Baroque prelature with its Teresian Hall. Closely connected with the history of Břevnov Monastery is a brewery, mentioned as early as the 13th century, whose production can still be tasted today. • tours: Sat 10:00, 14:00, 16:00 and Sun 11:00, 14:00, 16:00 (April to October) and Sat 10:00, 14:00 and Sun 11:00, 14:00 (November to March)



Müller (Loos) Villa (Müllerova [Loosova] vila)

- Nad Hradním vodojemem 14/642, Prague 6 − Střešovice
- **★www.muzeumprahy.cz**

The Müller family villa in Prague (1928–1930) is a masterpiece of world architectural avant-garde. It is a rare example of harmony between an enlightened client and a genius architect. Outwardly, the building appears strictly functionalist; of primary interest is its internal layout, the so-called Raumplan, in which the rooms "flow" from one to the next. • Tours on request: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun at 9:00, 11:00, 13:00, 15:00 and 17:00 (April to October) and Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 (November to March)

Old Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bubeneč

Papírenská 6, Prague 6 – Bubeneč ↑ www.stara-cistirna.cz

A unique technical monument and encyclopaedia of architecture, engineering, and water management. It was built from 1901 to 1906 and served as a wastewater treatment facility until 1967. On view is the original technical equipment including a steam engine that is still functional today. The building offers other experiences, such as a tour of the historical bypass network, access to the chimney, or rafting – take a tour of the underground settling tank. ◆ tours: only with a quide, dates are listed on the website

● Admission to Prague's historical monuments, museums and galleries generally ranges from about CZK 100 to 200; some private museums are more expensive. Higher admission rates apply to the most extensive and significant conservation areas (Prague Castle, the Jewish Museum in Prague, and the National Gallery Prague — CZK 350, CZK 300, CZK 500), but the tickets are valid for 2 days and provide access to a large number of buildings and sights, making them a good value overall. ② Opening hours are current as of April 2019 and may vary with the time of year.



Right in the centre of busy Prague, you can find peaceful oases of greenery – beautifully cultivated, architecturally interesting gardens that not only offer wonderful views of the city, but also quiet places to relax and unwind. The Botanical Gardens and the zoo are popular places for walks in unique natural settings. Peaceful natural areas on the outskirts of Prague are also idea for excursions.

Historical Gardens

Prague Castle Gardens (Zahrady Pražského hradu)

ၦ Prague Castle, Prague 1 – Hradčany f www.hrad.cz 🕓

The Royal Garden is historically the most notable of all the castle gardens. Founded in 1534 by Ferdinand I of Habsburg, it was inspired by Italian designs. Its current form continues in the English adaptation of the mid-19th century. The South Gardens are spread along the southern façade of Prague Castle (closed for the 2019/2020 season). The gardens offer a charming view of the Lesser Town, the Old Town and nearby Petřín Hill.

○ daily 10:00-18:00 (April to October)

Palace Gardens below Prague Castle (Palácové zahrady pod Pražským hradem)

♀ Valdštejnská 14, Prague 1 – Malá Strana

www.palacove-zahrady.cz

This complex of interconnected historical gardens (Ledebourg, Small and Large Pálffy, Kolovrat and Small Fürstenberg gardens) is situated on the southern slopes below Prague Castle. You can admire balustraded terraces adorned with sculptures, secret staircases and passages, numerous fountains, and impressive Baroque flowerbeds. ② daily 10:00–18:00 (April, October), daily 10:00–19:00 (May to September) △ Ledebourg and Small Pálffy Gardens are not open during the 2019/2020 season



Wallenstein Garden (Valdštejnská zahrada)

Q Letenská St., Prague 1 - Malá Strana ⊀www.senat.cz 🕏

This strictly geometrically designed early Baroque garden was created in parallel with the construction of the Wallenstein Palace from 1623 to 1629. Upon entering, your gaze will immediately be drawn to the colossal sala terrena, which at the time of its construction was unmatched, and an artificial cave with stalactites. During the summer, the garden is the venue for concerts and theatrical performances. O Mon-Fri 7:30 to 18:00, Sat-Sun 10:00-18:00 (April to October) to 19:00 (June to September)

Vojanovy sady Gardens

QU Lužického semináře 17, Prague 1 – Malá Strana ⊀www.prague.eu 🕏 Some historians consider Vojanovy sady to be the oldest Prague gardens. They consist of an English park, an orchard and a monastery garden with a raised terrace and balustrade. Unmissable features include the fountain and three baroque chapels as well as a wall-mounted sundial with exceptional Fresco decor. The garden's main attraction is its unhurried, almost dreamlike atmosphere. enhanced by its ancient fruit trees and blossoming magnolias. March, October, November) and daily 8:00-19:00 (April to September)

Vrtba Garden (Vrtbovská zahrada)

One of the most important and most beautiful Baroque gardens thanks to a clever solution by František Maximilián Kaňka. Dating to around 1720, it's one of the city's smaller gardens, but its unique architectural design on an irregular slope as well as the artistic and historical value of its decoration rank it high in importance in Europe. © daily 10:00-18:00 (April to October)



Parks and Natural Areas

Petřín Gardens (Petřínské sadv)

Prague 1 - Malá Strana √www.prague.eu

Petřín Hill is one of the largest urban green areas and its slopes are an oasis of calm in the centre of Prague. The Rose Garden,

or rosarium, at the top of Petřín Hill, the Kinský Garden, and the Seminary Garden with more than 2,100 fruit trees are particularly magical. The Carpathian wooden Church of the Archangel Michael is a local architectural rarity.



Havlíček Park (Havlíčkovy sady)

Prague 2 - Vinohrady / www.prague.eu &

The park takes its inspiration from the Italian Renaissance, with a fountain and waterfall, a pond, pavilions, statues, and a charming grotto. It offers unique views of Prague as well as seating in a lovely wine bar in the middle of the extensive vineyards or the garden café.

© daily 6:00-24:00 (April to October), 6:00-22:00 (November to March)

Rieger Park (Riegrovy sady)

Prague 2 - Vinohrady / www.prague.eu &

This park, over a century old, shelters intimate nooks and spaces with trees, open grassy areas, unusual vistas of the city, and a large garden restaurant with comfortable seating in the shade of old chestnut trees.



Royal Game Reserve (Královská obora) – Stromovka

🗣 Prague 7 – Bubeneč f www.prague.eu 🔥

A huge green oasis in the middle of the city with mature trees, ponds, grassy areas ideal for a picnic, walking paths, relaxing, and sports activities for everyone regardless of age.

Letná Park (Letenské sady)

Prague 7 - Holešovice 🕯 www.prague.eu 🕏

This extensive park with grassy areas, mature trees, colourful bushes planted on the hillsides, and a long plane tree-lined avenue provides not only a pleasant place to sit and relax, but also unparalleled views of the city, especially from the Hanavský Pavilion and the Metronome.

Hvězda Game Reserve (Obora Hvězda)

Prague 6 - Liboc ⊀www.prague.eu 🕏

An extensive park with three majestic tree-lined avenues that provided Renaissance nobles with a place for leisure and hunting. Today it's a popular place for family outings. The park is named after the local summer palace, uniquely shaped like a six-pointed star.

Divoká Šárka Natural Park

Prague 6 - Vokovice / www.prague.eu

Natural romance on the outskirts of Prague with amazing views of the surrounding countryside. Thanks to the size and beauty of this natural area, Divoká Šárka is ideal for both short walks and all-day hikes.

Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Prague Zoo (Zoologická zahrada hl. m. Prahy)

♥ U Trojského zámku 3, Prague 7 – Troja ∜ www.zoopraha.cz & Thanks to its unique position, the Prague Zoo is considered one of the most beautiful in the world. The rugged terrain offers over 10 km of walking trails through such exotic exhibitions as the Africa House,



the Indonesian Jungle, and the Valley of the Elephants. This beautiful piece of nature is a popular destination for families with children. © daily 9:00–17:00 (March), daily 9:00–18:00 (April, May, September, October), daily 9:00–21:00 (June to August), and daily 9:00–16:00 (November to February)

Prague Botanical Garden (Botanická zahrada hl. m. Prahy)

오 Trojská 196, Prague 7 – Troja f www.botanicka.cz Ġ

The garden is laid out over almost 30 hectares, with exhibition areas including the historical St Claire's Vineyard, a Japanese meditation garden, and the unique Fata Morgana tropical greenhouse. The 130 m long greenhouse, divided into three separate areas with different temperatures and humidity levels, offers a trip through tropical nature at any time of the year.

O outdoor exhibit: daily 9:00–16:00 (November to February), daily 9:00–19:00 (March to October);

© Fata Morgana greenhouse: Tue-Sun 9:00-16:00 (November to February), Tue-Sun 9:00-19:00 (March to October)

Botanical Garden of Charles University (Botanická zahrada Univerzity Karlovy)

🗣 Na Slupi 16, Prague 2 - Nové Město 🖪 www.bz-uk.cz 🔥

The garden opened in 1898 and gradually expanded to include an arboretum, greenhouses, ponds, and a large alpine garden. These areas, along with other outdoor exhibitions, form a cosy green area in the centre of Prague providing a breath of yesteryear.

© Exteriors: daily 10:00–18:00 (September to March), daily 10:00–19:30 (April to August) © Greenhouses: daily 10:00–15:30 (February to March), daily 10:00–16:30 (April to October) and daily 10:00–15:00 (November to January)





The inspirational contemporary atmosphere of Prague has undoubtedly imprinted itself onto its cultural life. You can enjoy world-famous as well as completely new artwork in a multitude of galleries, rare museum exhibits, ear-pleasing operatic arias, and the spontaneous mood of jazz evenings... or simply dance the night away in one of Prague's clubs. We have concocted a blend of cultural tips that will reliably satisfy even the most refined artistic expectations. Take a look...

Galleries

National Gallery Prague

www.ngprague.cz

The second oldest gallery in Europe after the Louvre - a sanctuary for lovers of Czech and international fine art

Permanent Exhibitions

Schwarzenberg Palace (Schwarzenberský palác)

Hradčanské náměstí 2, Prague 1 – Hradčany

This dominant feature of Hradčany square is one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings in Prague. The interiors of the Palace are currently not open to visitors, the new exhibition of "Old Masters" (a selection of the most important 16th to 18th century masterpieces) will be accessible from 13 September 2019.

Salm Palace (Salmovský palác)

🗣 Hradčanské náměstí 2, Prague 1 – Hradčany Ġ

The three-winged Palace dates from 1800-1811 as a Classicist building with distinctive Empire influences. It hosts long-term exhibitions of modern art.

Kinsky Palace (Palác Kinských)

🗣 Staroměstské náměstí 12, Prague 1 – Staré Město 🕏

This notable Rococo building makes a prestigious setting for longterm exhibitions of modern art.

Sternberg Palace (Šternberský palác)

Hradčanské náměstí 15, Prague 1 – Hradčany

This significant Baroque monument will delight aficionados of European art, from antiquity to the Baroque. In view of the ongoing refurbishment of the interiors please pay due regard to information updates on the website. The current exhibition will be open until 30 June 2019.

Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia (Klášter sv. Anežky České)

🔾 U Milosrdných 17, Prague 1 – Staré Město 🕏

The former convent of the Poor Clares and Minorite Monastery is considered to be the first Gothic structure in the Czech lands. Inside, you'll find a permanent exhibition dedicated to medieval art in Bohemia and Central Europe. Many of the objects are considered to be treasures of the Czech national cultural heritage. The freely-accessible renovated cloister gardens are complemented with works by contemporary sculptors.



Trade Fair Palace (Veletržní palác)

🔾 Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7 – Holešovice 🕏

At first sight, the first functionalist building in Prague impresses with its generous dimensions. In an area of over 13,500 m² you'll find a unique collection of Czech and international modern art, including such well-known names as Renoir, Picasso, Klimt, Rodin, and Munch.

O National Gallery Prague buildings: Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00, Wed 10:00-20:00



Children and students up to age 26 can visit all National Gallery Prague permanent exhibitions free of charge.

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CULTURE IN PRAGUE

Prague City Gallery (*Galerie hlavního města Prahy*)

www.ghmp.cz

The second most important gallery in the Czech Republic after the National Gallery Prague, specializing in Czech art of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

Permanent Exhibitions and Exhibition Halls

Colloredo-Mansfeld Palace (Colloredo-Mansfeldský palác)

Karlova 2, Prague 1 – Staré Město

The exhibition spaces on the third floor of this Baroque palace near Charles Bridge focus primarily on contemporary art. Get a feel for the special atmosphere of the palace on its guided tour.

O April to October, Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00: November to March. Tue-Sun 10:00-16:00

House at the Stone Bell (Dům U Kamenného zvonu)

Staroměstské náměstí 13, Prague 1 – Staré Město

This rare, well-preserved house is an extraordinary example of tower-style Gothic palace architecture. Temporary exhibitions in the old stone gallery focus on modern and contemporary art. O Tue−Sun 10:00−20:00

Troja Chateau (Zámek Troja)

U Trojského zámku 4/1, Prague 7 – Troja

A picturesque chateau that ranks among the most important examples of 17th century Baroque architecture in the Czech lands. In addition to its extensive French gardens, you can also visit the chateau's interior, featuring unique frescos and temporary exhibitions.

O April to October, Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00, Fri 13:00-18:00, the gardens to 19:00



1 Information about other Prague City Gallery exhibition spaces can be found at www.ghmp.cz.

Centre for Contemporary Art DOX

Poupětova 7, Prague 7 – Holešovice ⊀www.dox.cz 🕏

DOX is one of the most progressive art institutions in Prague, guaranteeing high quality and highly original exhibition projects. In addition to a gallery, there's also a fantastic shop featuring designer items and art books, a lovely café, and the huge airship Gulliver on the building's rooftop - a meeting place for contemporary art and literature. Mon 10:00−18:00, Wed and Fri 11:00−19.00, Thu 11:00−21:00, Sat and Sun 10:00-18:00



Galerie Rudolfinum

- Alšovo nábřeží 12. Prague 1 Staré Město
- 🖈 www.galerierudolfinum.cz 🖒

The gallery is located in one of the most important Czech neo-Renaissance buildings. A careful dramaturgical concept and the curators' distinctive personalities bring a fresh perspective on contemporary art. O Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun 10:00-18:00, Thu 10:00-20:00

More information about the Prague Castle Picture Gallery and the Strahov Picture Gallery can be found on pg. 6 and 8.

Museums

National Museum (Národní muzeum)

www.nm.cz

Since its founding in 1818, the largest museum in the country has gathered together thousands of objects of often incalculable value. It's the venue for important exhibitions aimed at a wide range of visitors

National Museum Exhibitions

National Museum - Historical Building (Národní muzeum – historická budova)

Václavské náměstí 68, Prague 1 – Nové Město

This impressive neo-Renaissance building spans the upper part of Wenceslas Square. Following a general overhaul, the Museum is progressively reopening to the public. The exhibits will be open to visitors in their new and definitive form by the end of 2019 and during 2020. O daily 10:00-18:00



National Museum – New Building (Nová budova Národního muzea) Vinohradská 1. Prague 1 – Vinohrady &

The building dates from the 1970s and ranks among the most distinctive of modern buildings. It used to be the seat of the former Federal Assembly, later hosting Radio Free Europe. It is currently used for temporary exhibitions and lectures; new exhibits will be accessible from November 2019. © daily 10:00–18:00

Náprstek Museum of Asian, African, and American Culture

Betlemské náměstí 1, Prague 1 – Staré Město

Vojtěch Náprstek, Czech patriot and art patron, amassed an extensive collection of ethnographic and artistic items from all over the world. The permanent exhibition dedicated to Australia and Oceania presents original examples of the life and culture of the region's ethnicities. © Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00, Wed 9:00-18:00

Czech Museum of Music (České muzeum hudby)

🗣 Karmelitská 2/4, Prague 1 – Malá Strana 🕓

The exhibition "Man – Instrument – Music" displays more than 400 musical instruments of extraordinary value – one of the most significant is the fortepiano played by Mozart during his first visit to Prague. © Wed-Mon 10:00–18:00

Lapidary (Lapidárium)

🗣 Výstaviště 422, Prague 7 – Bubeneč 🕓

The largest specialised collection of Czech stone carving from the 11th to the 19th century.

- **⊙** Thu−Sun 12:00−18:00, Wed 10:00−16:00 (May to November)
 - More information about the National Monument at Vítkov can be found on pg. 18; more information about the National Museum's other exhibition spaces can be found at www.nm.cz.

The City of Prague Museum (Muzeum hlavního města Prahy)

Na Poříčí 52, Prague 8 – Nové Město ⋪ www.muzeumprahy.cz & Want to learn more about the history of our city? The museum

features an extensive exhibition detailing the history of Prague from prehistoric times. Of special interest is the Langweil model of Prague from 1826 to 1837. O Tue-Sun 9:00-18:00, last Wednesday of the month to 20:00

House at the Golden Ring (Dům U Zlatého prstenu)

🗣 Týnská 6, Prague 1 – Staré Město 🕏

This building, with its preserved fragments of late-Gothic paintings dates from the late Middle Ages. Nowadays it offers visitors the 'Prague of Charles IV - A Grandiose Building Site in Europe' permanent exhibition, which links to the much-acclaimed installation 'Prague of Charles IV - The Medieval Town'. The exhibition presents the urbanization of the Prague conurbation and its transformation during the 14th century, as well as giving a potted history of medieval everyday life. Tue-Sun 9:00-20:00

for more information about the City of Prague Museum's other exhibition spaces, see www.muzeumprahy.cz.

Museum Kampa

- U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1 Malá Strana
- 🖈 www.museumkampa.cz 🖒

The permanent exhibition at Museum Kampa presents a varying selection from the Jan and Meda Mládek collections, which notably feature two exceptional artists - František Kupka and Otto Gutfreund. O daily 10:00-18:00

Museum of Decorative Arts (Uměleckoprůmyslové museum)

🔾 17. listopadu 2, Prague 1 – Josefov 🖪 www.upm.cz 💺

The Museum is the custodian of valuable collections of glass, porcelain and ceramics, textiles, fashion and design, furniture, clocks, applied graphics, photos and many other items. Following the building's general overhaul the collections are being progressively put back on permanent display. Wed-Sun 10:00-18:00,

Tue 10:00-20:00

for more information about the House of the Black Madonna, see pg. 13, and about additional exhibition space of the Museum of Decorative Arts, see www.upm.cz.

National Technical Museum (Národní technické muzeum)

Kostelní 42, Prague 7 – Holešovice 4 www.ntm.cz

Nirvana for all technically-minded people. Historical automobiles, airplanes, locomotives, and hundreds of other items await you in 15 permanent exhibitions.

Tue-Sun 9:00-18:00

National Museum of Agriculture

The building is a memorable showpiece of Czech Functionalism. As the name suggests, its exhibits are primarily concerned with agriculture and associated phenomena - agricultural machinery, hunting, fishing, and nutritional topics. O Tue-Sun 9:00-17:00

Theatres

National Theatre (Národní divadlo)

Národní 2, Prague 1 – Nové Město ↑ www.narodni-divadlo.cz & The National Theatre is the Czech Republic's representative stage, built with funds from a nationwide collection and first opened in 1881, and for the second time in 1883 after a devastating fire. Top opera, drama, and ballet performances together with magnificent theatre spaces guarantee an unforgettable experience.



Estates Theatre (Stavovské divadlo)

Ovocný trh 1, Prague 1 – Staré Město ⋪www.narodni-divadlo.cz Ġ. One of the most beautiful theatres in Europe, world-renowned thanks primarily to the premiere of Mozart's opera Don Giovanni (1787), which is still included in the repertoire.

State Opera (Státní opera)

♥ Wilsonova 4, Prague 1 – Vinohrady ↑ www.narodni-divadlo.cz
This enchanting neo-Renaissance building with a richly decorated
interior is home to one of Europe's leading opera houses.

Δ Until early 2020, the State Opera is closed due to restoration.

New Stage – Laterna Magika (Nová scéna – Laterna magika)

Národní 4, Prague 1 − Nové Město 1 www.narodni-divadlo.cz A unique multimedia theatre that relies on a combination of stage performances with sound and film images.

Archa Theatre (Divadlo Archa)

National Marionette Theatre (Národní divadlo marionet)

Žatecká 1, Prague 1 – Staré Město
 Mww.mozart.cz
 Traditional puppet theatre featuring the world-famous play Don
 Giovanni staged in the original Italian language with period costumes and large puppets.

Dance and New Circus

Jatka78

- Bubenské nábřeží 13 (halls 7 and 8), Prague 7 Holešovice
- √ www.jatka78.cz
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A multifunctional space in a former slaughterhouse has become the home stage for Cirk La Putyka, a professional new circus troupe. This genre blurs the line between acrobatics, modern dance, and sports.



La Fabrika

Komunardů 28, Prague 7 – Holešovice 4 www.lafabrika.cz

A multifunctional cultural complex created by connecting several early 20th century factories. Its original theatre projects balance on the edge of new circus, physical and movement theatre, and experimental techniques.

Ponec Theatre (Divadlo Ponec)

♀ Husitská 24a, Prague 3 – Žižkov ⋪ www.divadloponec.cz Ġ.

A professional stage for contemporary dance supports independent dance and its overlaps with other genres.

Classical Music

Prague is a Mecca for classical music lovers. Every day finds various orchestras, soloists, and beginning musicians playing in concert halls, churches, and other acoustically interesting locations. Among our most notable musical representatives are these renowned ensembles.

Czech Philharmonic

★www.ceskafilharmonie.cz

The most important Czech symphony orchestra with an over 120year tradition. Its mission is the exemplary interpretation of Czech symphonic music and its presentation both at home and abroad.

Home venue: Rudolfinum (see pg. 14)

Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK

✓ www.fok.cz

This leading musical ensemble produces its own orchestral cycles in the Smetana Hall of the Municipal House and hosts chamber music concerts in the Church of Sts Simon and Juda, where W. A. Mozart and J. Haydn had both played the organ in their time.

Home venue: Municipal House (see pg. 12)

Czech National Symphony Orchestra

★ www.cnso.cz

One of the leading Czech music ensembles, it's characterized by its diversity of musical genres. The orchestra plays classical and film music, jazz, and works from musicals.

PKF - Prague Philharmonia

√ www.pkf.cz

The PFK was founded at the initiative of world-renowned conductor Jiří Bělohlávek and focuses on Viennese-era classical music and Romantic compositions. It is also deserving of respect for its interpretations of modern and contemporary music.

Collegium 1704 & Collegium Vocale 1704

√ www.collegium1704.com

A leading Czech Baroque ensemble is engaged in the interpretation of early music, in particular by Jan Dismas Zelenka, Josef Mysliveček and their contemporaries. Many of their recordings have been warmly received by the domestic and international professional public and have won numerous awards.

Clubs

Epic

- Revoluční 1003/3, Prague 1 Staré Město
- 🖪 www.epicprague.com 🔥

One of the newer ventures is focused on electronic club music. The most popular DJs can bring to the boil a large main hall for up to 1000 quests, who can fill-up at four bars.

Jazz Dock

Lucerna Music Bar

Palác Akropolis

The cultural centrepiece of the offbeat district of Žižkov and a hub of independent culture, offering distinctive community- music- theatre-and visual arts projects. It hosts domestic and visiting artists at the pinnacle of their various genres and trends.

Reduta Jazz Club

Národní 20, Prague 1 − Nové Město ↑ www.redutajazzclub.cz One of the oldest jazz clubs in Central Europe located right in the heart of Prague. The original programming ensures a variety of musical experiences.

Rock Café

🗣 Národní 20, Prague 1 – Nové Město 🖪 www.rockcafe.cz

Rock Café has since the 1990s kept its place as the guiding star of the Prague club scene. It is quite the hatchery of new bands on the domestic music scene, but with plenty of scope for seasoned music icons, too. In recent years, it has also became a venue for theatrical performances or themed exhibitions.

Roxy

Olouhá 33, Prague 1 - Staré Město www.roxy.cz

A well-respected club focusing primarily on electronic music. Top Czech and international DJs guarantee many hours of dancing fun.



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Alternative Sites

Cross Club

Plynární 23, Prague 7 – Holešovice ↑ www.crossclub.cz
From its origins as an underground club, it became a phenomenon in just a few years. Immerse yourself in the intricate labyrinth of corridors and fascinating futuristic design.

Karlín Barracks

Krvmská Street

Prague 10 − Vršovice www.prague.eu

Paris has Montmartre, Berlin has Kreuzberg, and Prague has Krymská Street. Night after night, this picturesque street in the Vršovice district is filled with liberal-minded Prague citizens. A number of novel venues (such as the iconic Café v lese) are worth exploring.

MeetFactory



Vnitroblock



We've selected some of the most interesting of the countless events annually hosted by our capital, whose significance and originality goes beyond the boundaries of Prague, and indeed the whole country.

Prague International Film Festival - Febiofest

The Festival brings the best films from prestigious festivals around the world, including several Oscar-nominated motion pictures. It ranks with the biggest movie events of its kind in Prague.

Prague Spring International Music Festival

The leading classical music festival in the Czech Republic with its own line-up of international and domestic stars. Each year, audiences are invited to several dozen concerts in the beautiful Smetana Hall of the Municipal House, the Dvořák Hall at Prague's Rudolfinum and other attractive concert halls.



United Islands of Prague

June / www.unitedislands.cz

A multi-genre music festival regularly held in the streets of Prague's Karlín district and the vicinity. It takes place in a relaxed summery atmosphere, at no charge. The event also offers a rich accompanying programme for visitors of all ages.

Metronome Festival Prague

June 4 www.metronomefestival.cz

The greatest musical event of the summer of Prague, featuring the brightest stars of the modern music world. The Festival offers a unique mix of top international artists as well as the best of the Czech music scene, spanning audience generations and musical styles.

Summer Festivities of Early Music

July/August ✓ www.letnislavnosti.cz

An international festival of venerable artistic and musical trends. Artists play on historical instruments; a characteristic part of the production being period costumes, original choreography, gestures, rhetoric and make-up.

Sculpture Line

June-September # www.sculptureline.cz

A promenade of statues and art objects by leading domestic and international artists out in the streets of the city.

Letní Letná

August/September www.letniletna.cz

An unparalleled showcase of the world's New Circus stars, a music programme, workshops, film screenings as well as programmes for children – Letní Letná covers it all.

Dvořák Prague International Music Festival

September / www.dvorakovapraha.cz

The main idea of this prestigious Music Festival is to promote the good name of Czech culture by reference to the legacy of Antonín Dvořák, his contemporaries and pupils.

Signal Festival

October / www.signal.cz

The Festival brings together new technologies and art. The streets, public spaces and landmark historical monuments turn into art-objects for several evenings, in the hands of leading Czech and international artistic lighting wizards.



Designblok / Prague Design and Fashion Week

October/November # www.designblok.cz

The largest design and fashion show in Central Europe presents garment styling and production from all over Europe, novelty items by prestigious brands and prototypes from young designers and design studios.



Strings of Autumn (Struny podzimu)

October/November # www.strunypodzimu.cz

An innovative, daring and multi-genre musical festival, offering its listeners a mix of jazz, classics, tradition and experiment.





Once you've wearied of wandering the winding streets and hunger has beset you, now's a great time to discover the secrets of great Czech cuisine. The quality of restaurants and specialised food and drink establishments has risen dramatically in recent years and you can now find good traditional Czech restaurants and international shops. Enjoy browsing at flea and farmers' markets, where you'll find cute knick-knacks as well as the new flavours of local specialities. You can't leave Prague without checking out its luxury boutiques, shopping malls, and quirky shops featuring original Czech design which have become increasingly popular in recent years, both here and abroad.

Eating and Drinking in Prague

Prague is a cosmopolitan city and you'll find restaurants of all types and cuisines; without exaggeration, it's safe to say that everyone can eat well in Prague, including vegetarians. Of the restaurants featuring international cuisine, Italian leads by a mile, but you'll also find high quality Vietnamese, Mexican, and Korean establishments.

The Prague beer and café scenes have experienced a boom in recent years; in both cases, the quality is among the best in Europe. Wine lovers will delight in the number of cultured wine bars and restaurants. For more information about the Prague culinary scene, look at the Food and Drink section at #www.prague.eu.

Restaurants and Payments – most restaurants in Prague accept the usual international payment cards. If you are satisfied with the service, it's customary to leave a 10% tip.



Czech Cuisine in a Nutshell

Although Czech cuisine isn't generally considered to be world-class, it has its own undeniable charm, and your visit to Prague is a great opportunity to experience its tastes. In the words of one pub wit, it

was invented to have something to eat great Czech beer with. Of course that's not true at all, but what is true is that beer is the perfect accompaniment to many Czech dishes. Czech cuisine is similar to that of Bavaria or Austria - primarily combinations of meat and potatoes or any of the many types of dumplings, served with a variety of sauces. Typical ingredients include fresh and dried wild mushrooms, cabbage, potatoes, and root vegetables; meat includes pork, duck, and goose, as well as venison when in season.

Tips for Traditional Czech Meals:

Bramboračka - thick potato soup with dried or fresh mushrooms, flavored with garlic and marjoram.

Kulajda - a regional speciality from southern Bohemia - a light, slightly sour soup with mushrooms, egg, and dill.

Vepřo-knedlo-zelo (Pork, cabbage, and dumplings) - archetypically Czech: juicy roast pork served with potato or bread dumplings and cabbage; an accompanying beer is practically required.

Roast Duck - crisp skinned duck with dumplings (bread or potato, or even both) and sauerkraut is the pinnacle of Czech cuisine. If you should partake of only one Czech meal during your time in Prague, duck should be a leading contender for the honour. Around the feast of St Martin (November 11), goose frequently makes an appearance on restaurant menus - if you see it, it's highly recommended.

Svíčková (Sirloin) - in many families, it's served only on holidays because of its complexity, but you can have it anytime at a restaurant. Slices of lean roasted beef are served with a slightly sweet, lightly aromatic sauce made of root vegetables, cream, and spices. It's accompanied by - what else - dumplings.

Goulash - originally a food of Hungarian shepherds, the Czech version is thicker and less spicy. Chunks of beef in a thick sauce are a typical pub meal.

Beef Tartare à la Czech - while not a Czech invention, the local beef tartare is excellent. It's typically served with fried Czech bread which is rubbed with a raw garlic clove before heaping the meat on. This combination has its die-hard fans even beyond the borders of the Czech Republic, but if garlic isn't to your taste, feel free to leave it off.

Fruit Dumplings – these round sweet dumplings are a can't-miss. The dumplings are made of various doughs - guark, potato, or yeast - and are filled with seasonal fruits, especially pitted fruit, but also blueberries and strawberries. Czechs eat fruit dumplings as a main course, but they can also be ordered as dessert.

Beer (Pivo) – beer, and Pilsner-style lager in particular, is the Czech national beverage. But you're in Prague, so don't limit yourself to world-famous brands - try some of the incredibly varied, high--quality local products, whether in one of the city's 35 breweries or in a pub or restaurant.

Wine - the Czech Republic produces interesting wines which you're unlikely to taste anywhere else in the world due to the small amounts produced. Taste the typical local varieties, such as Wallachian Riesling, Veltiner, or aromatic Pálava. If you're particularly interested in wine, visit one of the city's many wine bars or restaurants, where the sommelier can recommend specific wines worthy of your attention.

Shopping Gifts

Botanicus

▼ Týn 2 and 3, Prague 1 – Staré Město ⊀ www.botanicus.cz

Natural eco-friendly cosmetics, fruit soaps, syrups, candles, and other gift items. ♥ Mon-Sun 10:00-20:00 (during the off-season, it may close earlier)



Hugo Chodí Bos

Řeznická 12, Prague 1 − Nové Město www.hugochodibos.cz
 A toy store featuring high-quality Czech brands for kids (and adults).

 Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00

Manufaktura

Truhlář Marionettes

🗣 U Lužického semináře 5, Prague 1 – Malá Strana

www.marionety.com

A sales gallery with a wide selection of original marionettes.

© Mon-Sun 10:00-19:00 (Nov-Mar) and Mon-Sun 10:00-21:00 (Apr-Oct)

Papelote

Pragtique

- Národní 37 (Platýz Shopping Arcade), Prague 1 Staré Město
- **★** www.pragtique.cz

Prague-themed gifts and souvenirs designed by contemporary artists. O Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00, Sat 11:00-18:00

Prague Chocolate

 Thunovská 19, Prague 1 – Malá Strana
 √www.prazskacokolada.cz A 100% Czech-owned company specializing in the production of original luxury chocolate specialities in packaging that features images of Prague.

Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00

Design

Artěl Design Stores

- Platnéřská 7 / U Lužického semináře 7, Prague 1
- **★www.artelglass.com**

A luxury glass shop combining modern design with high-quality craftsmanship.



Cihelna Concept Store

A curated selection of the best of contemporary Czech glass, porcelain, jewelry, furniture, and designer accessories. O Mon-Sun 11:00-19:00

DOX by Qubus

Poupětova 1a, Prague 7 – Holešovice 🕇 www.gubus.cz

A sales gallery reflecting the absolute pinnacle of Czech design and conceptual work. Sat-Mon 10:00-18:00, Wed-Fri 11:00-19:00

Harddecore gallery

- Senovážné náměstí 10, Prague 1 Nové Město
- **★www.harddecore.cz**

One-of-a-kind fashion, home accessories, original jewelry, glass, and furniture by independent and well-known designers. O Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00, Sat 11:00-17:00

Kubista

💡 Ovocný trh 19, Prague 1 – Staré Město 🖪 www.kubista.cz

A sales gallery focused on replicas of furniture as well as porcelain, ceramic, and metal decorative items by Cubist artists and contemporary designers. © Tue-Sun 10:00–19:00

Kuráž

Veletržní 48, Prague 7 – Bubeneč ⊀www.kuraz.cz

A small shop with big spirit, filled with a variety of creative products by new and established Czech and Slovak designers.

Mon-Fri
11:00-19:00, Sat 11:00-16:00

Modernista

A shop focusing primarily on furniture, accessories, and lighting as well as replicas of furniture by Jindřich Halabala, Pavel Janák, and Adolf Loos.

Mon-Fri 10:00-19:30, Sat 10:00-18:00

Pavilon

♥ Vinohradská 50, Prague 2 – Vinohrady 🕯 www.pavilon.cz An interior design exhibition and sales centre. ② Mon-Fri 10:00–19:30, Sat 10:00–18:00



Ouhue

🗣 Rámová 3, Prague 1 – Staré Město f www.qubus.cz

The renowned studio of Jakub Berdych and Maxim Velčovský presents contemporary Czech and conceptual design by renowned artists and brands.

Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00, Sat 11:00-17:00

Glass and Porcelain

Czech Porcelain

House of Porcelain

 Jugoslávská 16, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
 ✓ www.dumporcelanu.cz Three floors offering practically everything from most Czech producers. They also offer decorative pieces from the renowned German manufacturer Meissen.

Mon-Fri 9:00-19:00, Sat 9:00-17:00, Sun 14:00-17:00

Erpet Crystal

- Staroměstské náměstí 27, Prague 1 Staré Město
- **★www.erpetcrystal.cz**

One of the largest glass shops offering the highest quality of Czech glass, crystal, and garnet jewelry. O Mon-Sun 10:00-23:00

Lasvit

 Comunardů 32, Prague 7 – Holešovice
 √ www.lasvit.com Timeless glass designer lighting and decorative items by internationally renowned Czech manufacturers. O Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-18:00

Material

Hand-picked selection of Czech glass; their customers include members of the British royal family.

Mon-Sun 10:00-20:00

Moser

- Staroměstské náměstí 15, Prague 1 Staré Město
- **★www.moser-glass.com**

Original crystal from the traditional Czech brand is outstanding for its craftsmanship, aesthetic qualities, and practical value.

 Mon−Sun 10:00−21:00 (Apr−Oct) and Mon−Fri 10:00−20:00, Sat− Sun 10:00-19:00 (Nov-Mar)



Preciosa Flagship Store

Rytířská 29, Prague 1 – Staré Město / www.preciosa.com A luxury shop offering items from leading Czech glass manufacturers who bring innovative colour combinations and crystal or glass components into glassmaking.

Mon-Sun 10:00-20:00

Shopping Centres and Avenues

Nový Smíchov

PALLADIUM

- onáměstí Republiky 1, Prague 1 Nové Město
- **★www.palladiumpraha.cz**

A shopaholic's temple located near Wenceslas and Old Town Squares. A modern shopping centre offering the widest selection of shops and services in downtown Prague centre.

O Sun-Wed 9:00-21:00, Thu-Sat 9:00-22:00 (shops)



Pařížská Street

Prague 1 − Staré Město www.prague.eu

The most prestigious shopping boulevard in Prague, a symbol of luxury, home of world-famous brands such as Louis Vuitton, Prada, Burberry, Hermes, Tiffany & Co., Rolex, and more.

Others

Botas 66

Skořepka 4, Prague 1 − Staré Město 🕯 www.botas66.com

A lifestyle shop offering comfortable, high-quality leather casual Botas shoes, a brand that was first introduced in Czechoslovakia in 1966.

Mon-Sat 10:00-19:00, Sun 11:00-17:00

K-A-V-K-A Literary and Artistic Culture

♥ Krocínova 5, Prague 1 – Staré Město ★ www.kavkaartbooks.com Art books, graphic works, and photography, focusing primarily on Czech art of the 20th and 21st centuries. ♥ Mon-Fri 11:00-18:00 (Jan-Apr) and Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00 (May-Dec)

Markets and Marketplaces

Havel Marketplace

- Havelská 14, Prague 1 Staré Město
- www.facebook.com/havelsketrziste

A unique preserved marketplace in the very centre of Prague dating back to the year 1232. Today it offers a wide range of fresh produce and at the weekend, you'll find mainly traditional Czech souvenirs here. O daily 6:00-18:30

Dlouhá Gourmet Arcade

Olouhá 39, Prague 1 − Staré Město 🕇 www.gurmetpasazdlouha.eu A wide range of fresh international and local groceries, certain to delight foodies and the most demanding clients.

Prague Market (Pražská tržnice)

- Bubenské nábřeží 13, Prague 7 Holešovice
- www.prazska-trznice.cz

A listed complex where you'll find a very diverse range of products. In addition to a fresh produce market, the largest in Prague, you can also buy clothing, housewares, and more. You'll also find a number of Czech and Asian bistros.

Mon-Sat 8:00-20:00

Flea Markets

Flea markets à la Paris, Vienna, or Brussels offer everything from unwanted junk to collector's items and antiques. Opening hours can be found on the websites of individual markets.

Prague Flea Market

The largest flea market in Europe, with over 600 stands and 5 relaxation zones and refreshment stands. Goods on offer here range from new to old - from practical items to oddball curiosities.

Terminál Žižkov Flea Market

- Jana Želivského 2385/11, Prague 3 Žižkov
- www.terminalzizkov.cz

These flea markets in the broader city centre covering the expanse of the former railway terminal draw thousands of visitors every weekend. O Fri 11:00-17:00, Sat-Sun 8:00-15:00

Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets offer fresh products directly from farmers: seasonal Czech vegetables and fruit; herbs; dairy, meat, and bakery products; honey; fresh fish; wine; various delicacies; handicrafts, and much more. Only some markets operate during the winter, and with a limited selection. Opening hours vary with the season; more information can be found on the websites of the individual markets.



Thematic Markets

Throughout the year, Prague's squares are host to a whole range of thematic markets. At Easter and Christmas, Old Town and Wenceslas Squares in particular come alive with traditional markets; you can also find all kinds of neighborhood, retro, craft, and charity markets. See **1** www.prague.eu for more information.

Locations of Regular Farmers' Markets:

Náplavka ♀ Rašínovo nábřeží, Prague 2 – Nové Město ∮ www.farmarsketrziste.cz

náměstí Republiky ♥ nám. Republiky, Prague 1 – Staré Město ∦ www.farmarsketrhyprahy1.cz

Jiřího z Poděbrad ♀nám. Jiřího z Poděbrad, Prague 3 – Vinohrady ≰www.facebook.com/trhynajirakuofficial

Anděl ♥ Anděl (pedestrian zone), Prague 5 – Smíchov ↑ www.farmariypraze.cz

Vítězné náměstí ♥ Vítězné nám., Prague 6 – Dejvice ≰ www.farmarske-trhy.cz

Karlín ♥ Karlínské náměstí, Prague 8 – Karlín ✓ www.facebook.com/karlinsketrhy



The face of Prague is not determined only by historical monuments and the people who live here, but also by the Vltava River, whose sleepy pace invites you to stop and take a deep breath while walking through the city. On sunny spring and summer days, the city's social life moves from the streets to the riverbanks, where numerous interesting events take place. Escape from the hustle and bustle on one of Prague's islands, where you can sit in the shade of a tree and watch the ever-changing colour of the sky over the river.

Prague's Riverbanks (*Náplavky*)

Prague's riverbanks are some of its favourite promenades, and during the summer they become the centres of Prague's cultural life and leisure time activities. #www.prazskenaplavky.cz



Rašín Riverbank (Rašínovo nábřeží)

Currently the hub of social life on the banks of the Vltava, where you can ride your bike, feed the swans, or have a drink or coffee. From spring to autumn, various events take place here – from concerts and food festivals to the regular Saturday farmers' market, one of the most popular in Prague.

Hořejší Riverbank (Hořejší nábřeží)

Directly across from the Rašín Riverbank, you'll find another riverbank, that has gotten its second wind in recent months and is becoming a sought-after location for food festivals in particular. During the summer, you'll also find an outdoor cinema. There's also an incredible view of the unique Railroad Bridge and Vyšehrad.

Masaryk Riverbank (Masarykovo nábřeží)

This section of the riverbank between the Legionnaires' Bridge and Jirásek Bridge connects directly with Rašín Riverbank.

Approximately in its centre, there's a bridge to Žofín Island, where you'll find two paddle boat rental centres.

Dvořák Riverbank (Dvořákovo nábřeží)

The quietest of the riverbanks, it today serves primarily as a docking point and ramp for personal boat transport. In addition to the view of the green slopes of Letna Park on the opposite side of the river, the view of majestic Prague Castle is enchanting.

Ludvík Svoboda Riverbank (Nábřeží Ludvíka Svobody)

The end of the Dvořák Riverbank continues as the Ludvík Svoboda Riverbank, another quiet section with boat docks.

Boat Cruises on the Vltava

Romantic sightseeing cruises offer an unforgettable view of Prague's historical centre and memorable experiences. The late afternoon and evening sailings are highly recommended.

Prague Steamboat Company (Pražská paroplavební společnost)

★www.paroplavba.cz

One of the biggest passenger boat flotillas on the Vltava offers sightseeing trips and cruises in historical steamboats and air-conditioned modern boats. They also offer regular trips to the Zoo (April–September). • departure points: Rašín Riverbank and Čech Bridge

Prague Venice (Pražské Benátky)

★www.prazskebenatky.cz

Regular sightseeing cruises around Charles Bridge and Prague Venice on board of the Vodouch – a 19th century style boat. **Q departure points:** Judita (Křižovnické náměstí 3, Prague 1), Four Seasons (Platnéřská 2, Prague 1), Čertovka (U Lužického semináře, Prague 1), and Mánes (U Železné lávky, Prague 1)



IIOO Odii II

Prague Boats

🖪 www.prague-boats.cz 🖒

Sightseeing and romantic evening cruises with catering accompanied by live music. • departure point: quay at Čech Bridge

Prague Steamboats (Parníky Praha)

🖪 www.parniky-praha.eu

Regular cruises of Prague on sightseeing boats and historical steamships. They also offer cruises with buffets, served meals, and dinner. • departure point: Dvořák Riverbank – Na Františku

Rowboat and Paddle Boat Rental

Experience the river up close and personal on a paddle boat or rowboat, a refreshing alternative way to spend your free time in Prague during the summer.



Slovanka

🗣 Slovanský ostrov, Prague 1 🖪 www.slovanka.net

Rentals of rowboats and paddle boats of various types, sizes, and shapes. For a little romance, try the night trips by lantern light.

S.P.L.A.V. Prague

Slovanský ostrov 8, Prague 1

Rentals of traditional rowboats and fiberglass paddle boats.

Boat Rental (Staré Město)

- Smetana Riverbank, Prague 1
- **★www.pujcovna-lodicek.cz**

Rentals of rowboats suitable for quiet excursions as well as traditional paddle boats.

Boat Rental (Smíchov)

Strakonická, Prague 5 / www.pujcovna-lodicek.cz

From this Smíchov rental office, you can sail 8 km up the river along the Vyšehrad cliffs, the Barrandov terraces, all the way to the edge of Modřany. You can rent a rowboat, motorboat, or cruise raft with grill.

Prague Ferries

The most enjoyable way to get from the left bank to the right bank of the Vltava. The ferry takes regular public transport tickets, and you can take your bike on the ferry for free. The ferry operator will instruct you regarding transporting luggage. More information at www.dpp.cz/en.

Ferry P1: Sedlec - Zámky wyear-round Ferry P2: V Podbabě – Podhoří 💆 vear-round

Ferry P3: Lihovar – Veslařský Island (Dvorce) 🕮 April

Ferry P5: Emperor's Meadow - Výtoň - Hořejší Riverbank 🕮 April to

Ferry P6: Lahovičky - Modřany Train Station April to October Ferry P7: Prague Marketplace – Štvanice Island – Rohanský Island

April to October

Ferry P8: Císařský Island − Troja ■ April to October (free of charge)

Islands of the VItava

Another way to get close to the river is on one of its islands.

Kampa

💡 Prague 1 – Malá Strana 🖒

A park-island located between the main part of the Vltava River and its side tributary Čertovka is one of the most romantic and picturesque locations in Prague. The island's grassy areas are heavily used for picnics and relaxation.



Slavonic Island (Slovanský ostrov)

Prague 1 - Nové Město 🖒

The only island on the Vltava with a large landscaped park, dominated by the neo-Renaissance Žofín Palace, a traditional venue for balls and concerts. There are numerous rowboat and paddle boat rentals here, a mini-train for kids, and a popular playground.

O year-round 6:00-23:00

Sharpshooters Island (Střelecký ostrov)

♀ Prague 1 – Staré Město Ġ

A romantic location hidden under the shade of mature trees in the very heart of the city under the Legionnaires' Bridge (most Legií) charms visitors with its old-time atmosphere and exceptional views of the city from water level. © November to March 6:00–20:00, April to October 6:00–23:00



Leisure Time Complexes

Žluté lázně

Podolské nábřeží 3, Prague 4 − Podolí 1 www.zlutelazne.cz
This natural recreation area offers grass and sand beaches, multifunctional sports courts, and a wide variety of attractions and refreshments perfect for relaxing with friends or family.





Prague is a safe city, but you can never be too careful.

The security situation in Prague is at the same level found in other European cities. Despite this, please take note of the following recommendations:

- store valuables and large amounts of cash in your hotel safe
- exchange money in banks never on the street (most banks in the Czech Republic are closed on weekends)
- · withdraw cash only at ATMs with a bank logo
- Currency rate cards can vary between exchange bureaux. Every bureau de change is obligated to issue a printed receipt of your transaction. If you feel that the transaction was unprofessional or improper, you can revoke it within 3 hours and get your money back (if the transaction did not exceed 1000 euros).
- keep a close eye on your personal documents, credit cards, handbags, cameras, etc. in tourist hotspots and on public transport
- park only at guarded parking lots and never leave anything valuable in your car
- consuming alcoholic beverages is prohibited in public places

Emergency Calls in the Czech Republic

150 – Fire

155 – Ambulance

√ 156 - Municipal Police

√ 158 – Czech Police

112 – Universal European emergency number

Calls to these numbers are free of charge.

Czech Republic country code - \$\frac{1}{2} +420

Basic Czech Words and Phrases

| dobrý den | [doh-bree den] | hello (formal) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ahoj | [ahoy] | hello / goodbye (informal) |
| na shledanou | [nah skleh-dah-no] | goodbye (formal) |
| děkuji | [dyeh-koo-yi] | thank you |
| prosím | [pro-seem] | please / you're welcome |
| ano / ne | [ah-no / neh] | yes / no |
| Na zdraví! | [na zdrah-vee] | Cheers! |
| pivo | [pee-vo] | beer |
| Jak se dostanu do? | [yak seh doh-stah- -noo doh] | How do I get to? |
| Kolik to stojí? | [koh-lick toh stoh-yee] | How much does it cost? |
| Praha je krásná! | [Pra-ha yeh krahs-nah!] | Prague is beautiful! |
| | | |

Currency

Czech crown (koruna) (CZK) Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 CZK

Banknotes: 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000 CZK

Most shops, restaurants, hotels, and other services accept common types of international payment cards; some also accept payments in Euros. Cash can be withdrawn from the dense network of ATMs.

Tips

If you're happy with the service you receive at a restaurant, you can leave a tip. The usual amount is 10%.

Smoking

Czech law restricts smoking. Smoking is prohibited in public spaces (bus stops, train stations, vehicles, cultural facilities, health care facilities) and also in all catering establishments.

Main Post Office

- ♥ Jindřišská 14, Prague 1 Nové Město
- **★www.ceskaposta.cz**

○ 2:00-24:00 **८** +420 954 211 000, +420 604 221 504

Advance Ticket Sales

Tickets to cultural events can be purchased at Prague City
Tourism information centres or at **/ www.ticketmaster.cz**,

- ★ www.ticketportal.cz, ★ www.ticketstream.cz,
- ↑ www.colosseumticket.cz, ↑ www.ticket-art.cz
 and ↑ www.goout.net

Lost and Found

• Karoliny Světlé 5, Prague 1 – Staré Město

\$\ +420 224 235 085 \ \ \ ztraty.nalezy@email.cz \ \ \ Mon and Wed 8:00-17:30, Tue and Thu 8:00-16:00, Fri 8:00-14:00 (lunch break 12:00-12:30)

Embassies

Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- 🗣 Thunovská 14, Prague 1 Malá Strana 📞 +420 257 402 111
- www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/british-embassy-
- -prague

US Embassy

- Tržiště 15, Prague 1 Malá Strana \$ +420 257 022 000
- www.usembassy.cz

Please see

www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/diplomatic_missions/diplomatic_list.html for a complete list of embassies located in the Czech Republic.

Holidays in the Czech Republic

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day, Restoration of the Independent Czech State / Good Friday and Easter Monday (variable) / May 1 – Labor Day / May 8 – Victory in Europe Day / July 5 – Day of St Cyril and St Methodius / July 6 – Jan Hus Day / Sept. 28 – Czech Statehood Day / Oct. 28 – Day of the Independent Czechoslovak State / Nov. 17 – Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day / Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve / Dec. 25 – Christmas Day / Dec. 26 – St Stephen's Day

Healthcare Services

Emergency Healthcare Services

Prague Municipal Health Centre

Spálená 12, Prague 1 - Nové Město ⊀www.prahamp.cz

medical assistance for adults: \odot Fri-Mon 19:00-6:00; holidays from 7:00 \checkmark +420 222 924 295

dental emergencies: O Mon-Fri 19:00-6:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays 7:00-6:00 **L** +420 222 924 268

Motol University Hospital

V Úvalu 84, Prague 5 - Motol ⊀www.fnmotol.cz

Special foreigners' department.

emergencies (children and young adults, including dental):

⊙ Mon-Fri 19:00-6:30; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours ♦ +420 224 433 653, +420 224 433 652

Prague General University Hospital

♥ Ke Karlovu 2, Prague 2 - Nové Město ⋪ www.vfn.cz emergencies (children and adults): © Mon-Fri 16:00-7:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$ +420 224 967 777

Bulovka Hospital

♀ Budínova 2, Prague 8 – Libeň ★ www.bulovka.cz

Vinohrady University Hospital

Srobárova 50. Prague 10 - Vinohrady ⊀www.fnkv.cz

emergency medical services: ♠ Mon-Fri 18:30-23:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays 8:00-20:00 (outside these hours, emergency services are provided by doctors at the Central Intake at the Internal Medicine Clinic) ♦ +420 267 163 778

Central Military Hospital - Military University Hospital Prague

QU Vojenské nemocnice 1200, Prague 6 - Břevnov ⊀www.uvn.cz medical assistance for adults: O Mon-Fri 19:00-7:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\cup +420 973 203 571

Thomayer Hospital

Vídeňská 800. Prague 4 − Krč √ www.ftn.cz

medical assistance for adults: O Mon-Fri 19:00-6:30; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\ +420 261 082 520, 603 566 584 emergencies (children and adults):

Mon-Fri 19:00-7:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\star{\star}\$ +420 261 083 783, 603 566 587 dental emergencies:

Mon-Fri 17:30-22:30: Sat. Sun. and holidays

Pharmacies with After-Hours Service (Lékárna)

Lékárna Palackého

Prague 1 - Palackého 5 5 +420 224 946 982

Lékárna U Svaté Ludmily

Prague 2 - Belgická 37 \$\ +420 222 513 396 \$\ \ www.lekbelgicka.cz

Thomayer (Krč) Hospital

Prague 4 - Vídeňská 800 5 +420 261 084 019 ★ www.ftn.cz

Motol Hospital

Lékárna BENU

Prague 7 - Františka Křížka 22 \$ +420 731 638 010 ★ www.benu.cz

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Prague 8 - Budínova 2 5 +420 266 082 017 ★ www.bulovka.cz

Transport

Public Transport

Prague has an extensive well-functioning public transport network. Its backbone is made up of the metro's 3 lines (colour-coded A, B, and C), trams, buses, ferries, and the Petřín funicular. 🧡 🕔 The Metro operates daily from 5:00 until midnight. Night service is provided by buses and trams.

Public Transport Fares

You must have a valid ticket to ride on public transport, which must be purchased before boarding any vehicle or prior to entering the marked areas of metro stations. Don't forget that your ticket must be stamped in the machine prior to your first ride, otherwise vou risk incurring a fine.

Fare Types

Single Tickets

- 90 minutes (basic) ⑤ CZK 32, children (6-15 yrs) CZK 16
- 30 minutes (short-term) 3 CZK 24, children (6-15 yrs) CZK 12

Multi-Day Tickets

- 1 day 3 CZK 110, children (6-15 yrs) CZK 55
- 3 days 3 CZK 310, no special discount for children

Luggage Transport

The fare for transporting a piece of luggage larger than 25×45×70 cm or a pram (without child) is CZK 16.

Free of charge: small pieces of luggage, pram with child, dogs (with or without cage), and bicycles (only in the metro, on ferries, on the funicular, and during certain time periods on select tram lines).

Free of Charge

Children up to 6 years old and people over 70 years old.

- More information about the conditions for free travel at
- ♠ www.dpp.cz. More detailed information about fares, timetables, and more is available on the DPP info line at \$\subseteq +420 296 191 817 (daily from 7:00-21:00), its website at \$\subseteq \text{www.dpp.cz, or at Prague Public Transportation information centres.

Prague Public Transportation Infocentres

- Můstek ♥ metro A ① open daily 7:00-21:00
- Main Railway Station ♥ metro C ② open Mon-Fri 6:00-22:00 and Sat-Sun 7:00-21:00
- Anděl ♥ metro B O open daily 7:00-21:00
- Hradčanská ∜ metro A ⊙ open Mon-Fri 6:00-20:00 and Sat 9:30-17:00
- Veleslavín Railway Station ♥ metro A ⊙ open Mon-Fri 6:00-20:00 and Sat 9:30-17:00

Petřín Funicular 🖄

Open year-round with the exception of regular breaks in the spring and fall. © During the winter (November to March), it runs 9:00–23:20 at 15 minute intervals; during the summer (April to October), it runs 9:00–23:30 at 10 minute intervals.

All types of public transport tickets are valid on the funicular. The funicular is not wheelchair-accessible.

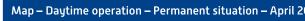
Night Transport

Night transport runs from 0:30 to 4:30 and is serviced by 9 tram lines at 30 minute intervals (20 minutes on Friday and Saturday nights); the central transfer stop is at Lazarská. There are also night bus lines.

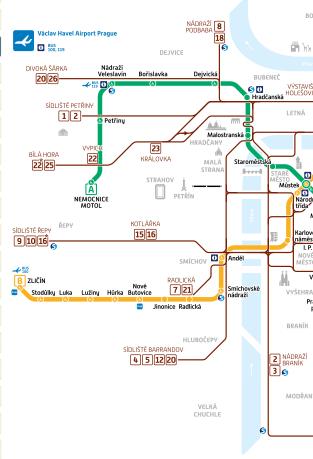






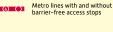


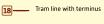
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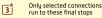




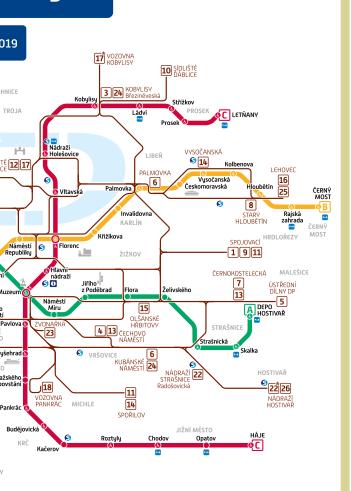








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Transport to and from the airport

AE (Airport Express) Line – special bus line providing direct connections between the airport, train stations, and public transport from 5:30 to 22:00.

• Route – Main Railway Station (metro C, trains) > Terminal 1 (embarking and disembarking) > Terminal 2 (only disembarking)
• Interval – 15 to 30 minutes, trip length approx. 33 minutes

• Fare – single fare, valid only on this line, tickets are bought from the driver, or at a discount from our TICs at the airport ⑤ CZK 60 (adult), CZK 30 (children aged 6−15 and dogs); luggage and children under 6 free

Other Links to the Airport

- Veleslavín Railway Station ❖ metro A ☐ bus 119; ③ trip length approx. 17 minutes
- Zličín 🤁 metro B 🖃 bus 100; 🔾 trip length approx. 16 minutes
- Anděl ❖ metro B 🖃 bus 191; 🔾 trip length approx. 51 minutes
- Night bus **□** 910

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Bikesharing

Prague has for some years now taken its place alongside the world's major cities in offering ways of getting about other than by conventional public transport, on foot, by car or taxi. Currently, there are several app-based rental services offering single-track vehicles – classic or electric bicycles, as well as scooters. The rules and ways of using each option vary somewhat. For more information, visit the appropriate website.

Freebike ¶www.prague.freebike.com
Rekola ¶www.rekola.cz
Velonet ¶www.praha.velonet.cz
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• on the corner of Štěpánská Street © daily 10:00–18:00 (closed during the winter months)

Václav Havel Airport Visitor Centre

o arrival hall, Terminal 1, Prague 6 daily 8:00−20:00

Václav Havel Airport Visitor Centre

arrival hall, Terminal 2, Prague 6, O daily 8:00-22:00

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City Sightseeing Prague

- www.city-sightseeing.com
- departure points: various locations throughout the city centre; sightseeing tours in special red buses

Gray Line Prague - Bohemia Travel Service

- **★www.citytours.cz**
- Odeparture point: Národní 38

Hop On - Hop Off

- **★www.hopon-hopoff.cz**
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Martin Tour

- www.martintour.cz
- departure points: Old Town Square (at the corner of Pařížská Street) and at náměstí Republiky (across from the Municipal House)



Prague Bus Tours a Hop On - Hop Off

- **★** www.praguebus.tours
- departure point: Main Railway Station (from Wilson Street)

Prague Sightseeing Tours

- **★www.pstours.cz**
- Odeparture point: náměstí Republiky 3

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- departure point: Na Příkopě 12 and 23

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specialised tours of Prague for the disabled

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www.bohemia-balon.cz hot air balloon flights

City Bike Prague

#www.citybike-prague.com
guided cycling tours (April-October)



Ekoexpres

√ www.ekoexpres.cz

sightseeing tours by special "eco-train"

Odeparture point: Old Town Square (March to November)

Historical Tram No. 41

√ www.dpp.cz

a guided circuit through the city centre in a historical tram

♥ runs from late March until November on Sat, Sun, and holidays from approx. 12:00–17:00

History Trip

★www.historytrip.cz

sightseeing tours in historical cars

departure points: Mostecká St., Karlova St., intersection of Rytířská St. and Melantrichova St.

Hugo Bike Prague

www.hugobikeprague.cz quided electric bike tours

Pony Travel

★www.ponytravelsro.cz

horse and carriage sightseeing tours

departure point: Old Town Square

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authentic Czech cuisine culinary tours

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★www.pragueoldcar.com

sightseeing tours in Ford Model T or Alfa Romeo Spyder

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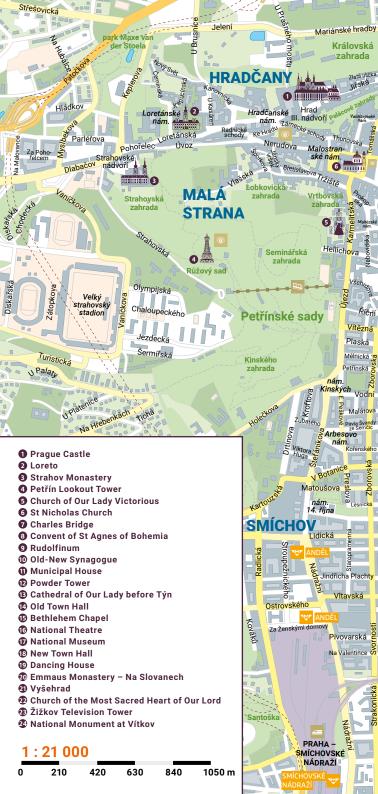
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