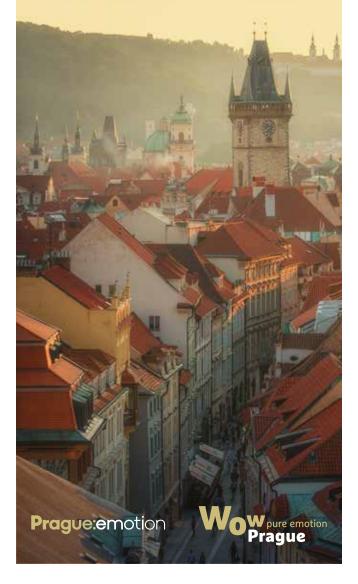
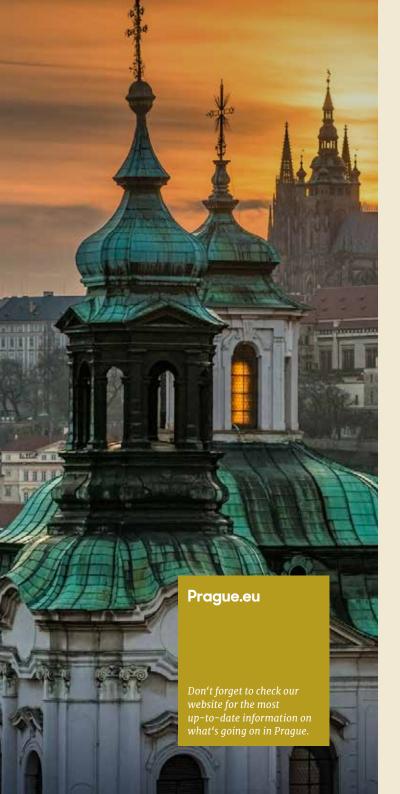
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Prague is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Its uniquely preserved historical centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992, reflects eleven centuries of history. This culturally rich city full of fabulous monuments charms visitors not 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):

1.280.000 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 Vyšehrad

What You Need to Know

- Does walking tire you out or are you traveling with small children?
 Use the Ecotrain, take a ride in a vintage car/convertible, take
 the historical tram or a carriage, or take a boat trip on the Vltava
 River. We also offer tours of Prague with our guides or by bike as
 well as a wide range 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
- The Prague Card (2, 3, or 4 days) includes free access to 50 major tourist sites, as well as free use of public transport. You can buy it at any of our tourist information centres.
- 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 67.



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.

O Route A: Old Royal Palace, The Story of Prague Castle exhibition, St George's Basilica, Golden Lane and the Daliborka Tower, Powder Tower, Rosenberg Palace, Cathedral of St Vitus, St, Wenceslas, and St Adalbert O Route B: Old Royal Palace, St George's Basilica, Golden Lane and the Daliborka Tower, Cathedral of St Vitus, St Wenceslas and St Adalbert O Route C: Exhibition The Treasure 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. O 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 quides.

Lobkowicz Palace (Lobkowiczký palác)

♀ Jiřská 3, Prague 1 ★ www.lobkowicz.cz ♠

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). ③ daily 10:00–18:00

Loreto

Coretánské 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)

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 9:30-

Petřín Lookout Tower (Petřínská rozhledna)

Petřín Park, Prague 1 🕇 www.muzeumprahy.cz

11:30 and 12:00-17:00 (Picture Gallery)

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. © 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)

O Malá Strana, Staré Město, Prague 1 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 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.

O Mon-Sat

8:30 to 19:00, Sun 8:30 to 20:00

Wallenstein Palace (Valdštejnský palác)

Valdštejnské náměstí 4, Prague 1 ⊀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. ② 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 Baroque Church of St Nicholas; the Rococo Kinský Palace (now National Gallery 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 City Gallery Prague); and the Jan Hus Memorial 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. ○ If the building is not reserved for ceremonial events of the Lord Mayor of Prague − Mon 11:00−18:00, Tue−Sun 9:00−18:00 (halls); and Mon 11:00−22:00, Sat−Sun 9:00−22:00 (tower) △ please note: due to planned extensive renovations (tower, chapel, clock) throughout 2017 and 2018, changes to opening hours and accessible areas may occur. Please check the website for details.



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.

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

🗣 Staroměstské náměstí 604/14, Prague 1 🖈 www.tyn.cz Ġ

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 cathedral 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. © Tue-Sat 10:00-13:00 and 15:00-17:00, Sun 10:00-12:00



St Nicholas Church (Chrám sv. Mikuláše)

Staroměstské náměstí 27a, Prague 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. ③ Mon-Sat 10:00-16:00, Sun 12:00-16:00 (except during religious services or cultural events)

Powder Tower (Prašná brána)

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)

onáměstí Republiky 5, Prague 1 🕇 www.obecnidum.cz 🕏

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 of the Black Madonna (Dům U Černé Matky Boží)

Ovocný trh 19, Prague 1 4 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. © daily 10:00–19:00 (April to October) and daily 10:00–18:00 (November to March)

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. A **Please note:** tours of the historical areas of the Clementinum (Baroque Library and Astronomical Tower) will not take place in 2017 due to renovations.

Rudolfinum

Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1 / 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.

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.

The Jewish Museum (booking centre)

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:

Spanish Synagogue (*Španělská*) ♥ Vězeňská 1 <mark>ѣ</mark> Klausen Synagogue (*Klausová*) ♥ U Starého hřbitova 3a

Pinkas Synagogue (Pinkasova) • Široká 3

Ceremonial Hall (Obřadní síň) U Starého hřbitova 3a

Exhibitions in these buildings offer insight into Jewish history and tradition.

O Opening times of Jewish Museum 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 (April to October)

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

♀ Jeruzalémská 7, Prague 1 ★ www.synagogue.cz

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)

New Town (*Nové Město*) and Vyšehrad

Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí)

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)

Skarlovo 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 Prague Hussites by Catholic aldermen on July 30, 1419, which started the Hussite Revolution. Tower: Tue-Sun 10:00–18:00 (April to November) and halls: during exhibitions Tue-Sun 10:00–18:00

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

Vyšehradská 49, Prague 2 ⊀ www.emauzy.cz

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)

The 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)

- náměstí 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. ① 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)

V Izraelská 1, Prague 3 – Žižkov √www.synagogue.cz &

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.

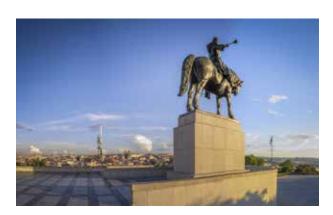
Žižkov Television Tower (Žižkovská televizní věž)

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

QU 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. ① Wed-Sun 10:00–18:00 (April toOctober); 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 guide, dates are listed on the website

◆ Admission to Prague's historical monuments, museums and galleries generally ranges from about CZK 70 to 150; some private museums are more expensive. The highest admission fees are charged by the largest and most important conservation areas (Prague Castle, the Jewish Museum, and the National Gallery − 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. O Opening hours are current as of April 2017 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)

Prague Castle, Prague 1 − Hradčany ⋪www.hrad.cz

The Royal Gardens are historically the most valuable of all the castle gardens. Established in 1534 by Ferdinand I Habsburg, they were inspired by Italian designs; the gardens' current appearance is the result of their adaptation in the English style in the 19th century. One of the most beautiful fountains in Renaissance Europe, the Singing Fountain, can be found here. The southern gardens spread along the southern façade of Prague Castle and offer striking views of the Lesser Town, Old Town and nearby Petřín Hill.

Palatial 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 (Ledeburská, Malá and Velká Pálffyovská, Kolovratská and Malá Fürstenberská) 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. © daily 10:00–18:00 (April, October), daily 10:00–19:00 (May to September)



Wallenstein Garden (Valdštejnská zahrada)

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. © Mon-Fri 7:30 to 18:00, Sat-Sun 10:00–18:00 (April to October) to 19:00 (June to September)

Franciscan Garden (Františkánská zahrada)

A unique natural oasis in the very heart of the city, furnished with plenty of benches over which arch wrought iron trellises, blanketed with roses in the summer. The garden features a number of interesting sculptures, a fountain, a gazebo, a children's playground, fruit trees, and herb beds. @ daily 7:00–22:00 (mid April to mid September), 7:00–20:00 (mid September to mid October), daily 8:00–19:00 (mid October to mid April)

Vrtba Garden (Vrtbovská zahrada)

♥ Karmelitská 25, Prague 1 - Malá Strana ↑ www.vrtbovska.cz
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 ranks it high in importance in Europe. ③ daily 10:00-18:00 (April to October)



Parks and Natural Areas

Petřín Gardens (Petřínské sady)

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 Preserve (Královská obora) – Stromovka

Prague 7 - Bubeneč ⊀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.

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Letná Park (Letenské sady)

Prague 7 - Holešovice 4 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 Preserve (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

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)

City of Prague Botanical Gardens (Botanická zahrada hl. m. Prahy)

🍳 Trojská 196, Prague 7 – Troja 🗲 www.botanicka.cz 🔥

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 exhibitions and the St Claire's vineyards: daily 9:00–16:00 (November to February), daily 9:00–17:00 (March, October), daily 9:00–18:00 (April), daily 9:00–20:00 (May to August), and daily 9:00–19:00 (September)

© Fata Morgana greenhouse: Tue-Sun 9:00–18:00 (April to September), Tue-Sun 9:00–17:00 (March, October), and Tue-Sun 9:00–16:00 (November to February)



Botanical Gardens of Charles University (Botanická zahrada Univerzity Karlovy)

Na Slupi 16, Prague 2 - Nové Město ⊀www.bz-uk.cz Ġ

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 10:00–16:00 (February to March), daily 10:00–17:00 (April to October) and daily 10:00–15:30 (November to January)

City Views

Prague's varying terrain means that there are plenty of places that offer unforgettable views of the city. Prague also has numerous historical towers from whose viewing terraces you'll get an entirely different perspective on the city...

Smetana Riverbank – Novotný Footbridge • Old Town Hall Tower • Powder Tower • Clementinum Astronomical Tower • Old Town and Lesser Town Bridge Towers • Prague Castle ramp at Hradčany Square • Petřín Observation Tower • Letná Park • St Nicholas Church Bell Tower • Žižkov Television Tower • Vyšehrad • Prague Castle South Gardens • National Monument at Vítkov • Dancing House terrace



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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 in 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

Sternberg Palace (Šternberský palác)

♥ Hradčanské náměstí 15, Prague 1 – Hradčany

This significant Baroque monument will especially delight fans of European art from antiquity to the late Baroque. You can admire, among other things, ancient classical art, as well as major works by Italian, Flemish, Dutch, German, and Austrian painters.

Schwarzenberg Palace (Schwarzenberský palác)

Hradčanské náměstí 2, Prague 1 – Hradčany

This prominent feature of Hradčany Square is also one of the most beautiful buildings in Prague. The current exhibition displays the best of Baroque art in Bohemia (works by Braun, Brokoff, von Aachen, Škréta, and more).

Salm Palace (Salmovský palác)

Pradčanské náměstí 2, Prague 1 – Hradčany 🕏



A three-winged palace-type building constructed between 1800 and 1811 in Classicist style with distinct Empire-style influences. Its exhibition of 19th century art presents exceptional paintings and sculptures ranging in style from Classicism to Romanticism.

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.



Kinsky Palace (Palác Kinských)

Staroměstské náměstí 12, Prague 1 – Staré Město 🕏

The Asian and African art collections include over 13,000 items from Japan, China, Korea, Tibet, southern and southeast Asia, the Islamic cultural area, and Africa. Due to their scope and significance, they are considered some of the leading collections in Europe.

Trade Fair Palace (Veletržní palác)

Oukelských 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.

Opening hours of National Gallery properties: Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00



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

Prague City Gallery (Galerie hlavního města Prahy)

√ www.ghmp.cz

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

Permanent Exhibitions and Exhibition Halls

Colloredo-Mansfeld Palace (Colloredo-Mansfeldský palác)

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. © *Tue-Sun* 10:00–18:00

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.

© Tue-Sun 10:00-20:00

Troja Chateau (Zámek Troja)

Q 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.

© Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00, Fri 13:00-18:00, gardens open until 19:00 (April to October)



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

Centre for Contemporary Art DOX

Poupětova 7, Prague 7 – Holešovice 🖈 www.dox.cz Ġ

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.

O 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

- O 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.

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 – Main Building (Národní muzeum – hlavní budova)

Václavské náměstí 68, Prague 1 – Nové Město

This impressive neo-Renaissance building dominates the upper part

of Wenceslas Square. It is currently closed for an extensive renovation – its reopening is planned for 2018.

National Museum New Building (Nová budova Národního muzea)

Vinohradská 1, Prague 1 – Vinohrady

While the National Museum's main building is being renovated, the permanent zoological exhibition is housed here, along with major exhibition projects. © daily 10:00–18:00, Wed 9:00–18:00, first Wednesday of the month 10:00–20:00

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 – Machine – 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.

O 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. **3** Mon-Sun 12:00-18:00, Wed 10:00-16:00 (closed in winter)

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.

Tue-Sun 9:00-18:00, last Wednesday of the month to 20:00

National Medical Sun 1826 to 1837.

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House at the Golden Ring (Dům U Zlatého prstenu)

💡 Týnská 6, Prague 1 – Staré Město 🕏

The history of this building, including fragments of late Gothic paintings, reaches back to the late Middle Ages. At present, you can visit the permanent exhibition "Prague of Charles IV – A Grandiose Building Site in Europe", which covers Prague's urban development and changes in the 14th century and crucial chapters of everyday life

in the Middle Ages. O daily 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 imaginative modern rooms of the museum are the backdrop for the most comprehensive collection of works by František Kupka in the world. In addition to early expressive drawings, youll also find one of Kupka's most impressive abstract paintings – Cathedral.

• daily 10:00–18:00

Museum of Decorative Arts (Uměleckoprůmyslové museum)

9 17. listopadu 2, Prague 1 - Josefov ⊀www.upm.cz &

The museum maintains valuable collections of glass, porcelain and ceramics, textiles, fashion and design, furniture, clocks, applied graphics, photography, and many other items. The museum is currently undergoing an extensive renovation and will reopen in November 2017.

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)

V Kostelní 42, Prague 7 – Holešovice ⊀ www.ntm.cz &

Nirvana for all technically-minded people. Historical automobiles, airplanes, locomotives, and hundreds of other items await you in 14 permanent exhibitions. © *Tue-Fri 9:00-17:30, Sat and Sun 10:00-18:00*



Franz Kafka Museum

© Cihelná 2b, Prague 1 – Malá Strana ≰ www.kafkamuseum.cz & The permanent exhibition gives an insight into the world of one of Prague's most famous sons – one of the most important figures of 20th century world literature. The museum is located in the Herget Brickworks, an architecturally significant structure. **(*)** *daily* 10:00–18:00

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 1 www.narodni-divadlo.cz
This enchanting neo-Renaissance building with a richly decorated interior is home to one of Europe's leading opera houses. △ Closed for renovations until 2019.

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

Národní 4, Prague 1 − Nové Město ⊀ 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)

Na Poříčí 26, Prague 1 – Nové Město

www.divadloarcha.cz

An alternative theatre with a progressive repertoire.

Name 1

Name 2

National Marionette Theatre (Národní divadlo marionet)

Žatecká 1, Prague 1 − Staré Město
 www.mozart.cz

Traditional puppet theatre featuring the world-famous play Don Giovanni staged in the original Italian language with period costumes and large puppets.

Black Light Theatres

An original theatrical concept using lighting effects and non-verbal elements of modern dance

Black Light Theatre Srnec

The first black light theatre in the world. Its performances have already been seen by more than 5 million viewers from around the world. **Repertoire:** Anthology – a selection of its most successful scenes

Ta Fantastika Theatre (Divadlo Ta Fantastika)

Repertoire: Alice in Wonderland – a performance that has amazed audiences in over thirty countries around the world.

Image Theatre

🗣 Národní 25, Prague 1 – Staré Město, www.imagetheatre.cz 🖒

Repertoire: Galaxia, Afrikania, The Best of Image, and more

Dance and New Circus

Jatka78

- Bubenské nábřeží 13 (halls 7 and 8), Prague 7 Holešovice
- √ www.jatka78.cz
 ♦

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 f www.lafabrika.cz 🕓

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

Ponec Theatre (Divadlo Ponec)

PHusitská 24a, Prague 3 – Žižkov 4 www.divadloponec.cz &

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

The orchestra organizes its own orchestral series in the Smetana Hall at the Municipal House and offers chamber music concerts in the Church of Sts Simon and Jude, where Mozart and Haydn played the organ.

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.



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. Unicular. Unicular 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 you 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 (Tourist) Tickets

- 1 day 3 CZK 100, children (6-15 yrs) CZK 55
- 3 days ③ CZK 310, no special discount for children
- When you purchase the Prague Card, free use of public transport is included throughout the validity of the card. More at pg. 72.

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 ♠+420 296 191 817 (daily from 7:00-21:00), its website at ♠www.dpp.cz, or at Prague Public Transportation information centres.

Prague Public Transportation Infocentres

- Můstek ♥ metro A O open daily 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
- Prague City Hall ♥ Jungmannova 35/29, Prague 1 ♥ open Mon-Thu 8:00-18:00 and Fri 8:00-16:00
- Václav Havel Airport

 ★ Terminal 1

 open daily 7:00-21:00
- Václav Havel Airport

 ★ Terminal 2

 open daily 7:00-21:00

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.

Airport Transfers

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)

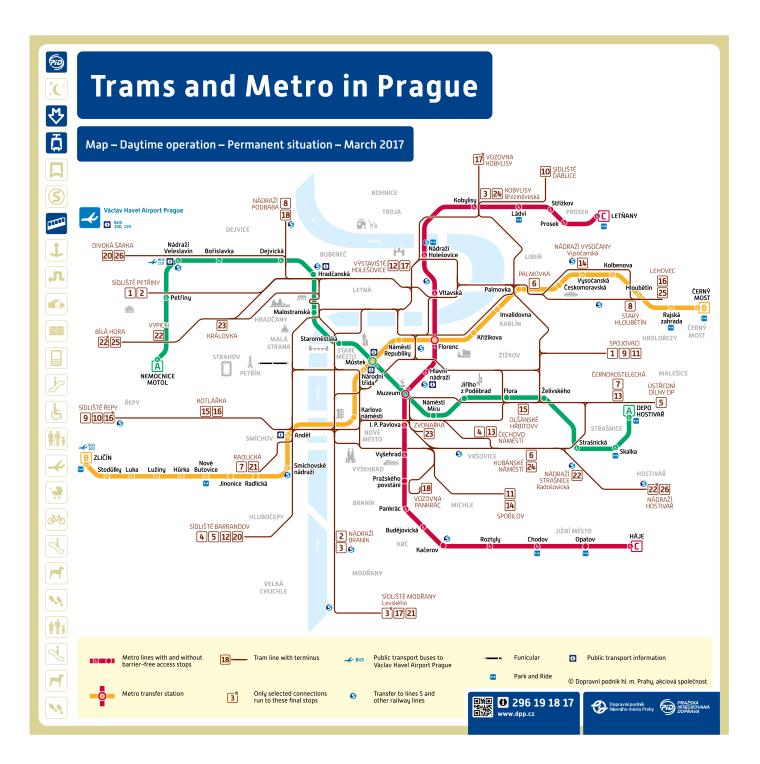
■ Interval – 15 to 30 minutes, trip length approx. 33 minutes

Fare – single fare, valid only on this line, buy tickets from the driver

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



Clubs

Jazz Dock

❖ Janáčkovo nábřeží 2, Prague 5 – Smíchov ¼ www.jazzdock.cz
This modern jazz club planted directly into the bank of the Vltava
River in the Smíchov district enchants not only with its unique
atmosphere and jazz concerts into the wee hours, but also
the breathtaking nighttime scenery of Prague.

Reduta Jazz Club

Národní 20, Prague 1 − Nové Město ¼ 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.

Lucerna Music Bar

Hard Rock Cafe

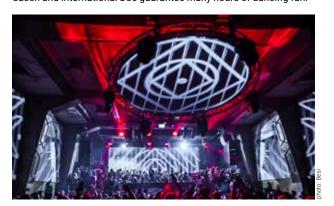
▼ Malé náměstí 3, Prague 1 – Staré Město ≼ www.hardrock.com &
Hidden behind the elaborate neo-Renaissance façade of this historical building lies the second largest Hard Rock Café in Europe.

Spread out over four floors, it features a great restaurant, bars, and an original, cosy interior.

Palác Akropolis

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.



Alternative Sites

MeetFactory



Krymská 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.

Experimental Space NoD (Experimentální prostor NoD)

O Dlouhá 33, Prague 1 – Staré Město ∜ www.nod.roxy.cz

An alternative art space that pushes the boundaries of Prague's cultural life a bit further. Come have a look at young artists in the NoD Gallery, check out experimental theatre in Teatro NoD, or go for something good to eat at Café NoD. It's exactly the type of place you'll want to return to again and again.

Vnitroblock

- ▼ Tusarova 31, Prague 7 Holešovice
- www.facebook.com/vnitroblock

A multifunctional retreat for all creative spirits – café loungers, foodies, dancers, and all who love design and fashion. Vnitroblock fuses together an entirely unique industrial space with a wide range of cultural and artistic experiences.

Cross Club

The 7 Top Events in Prague

...that are worth seeing, hearing, and experiencing. From the countless events that our capital city hosts every year, we've selected seven of the most interesting whose significance and uniqueness extend beyond the borders of Prague and the Czech Republic.

March

Prague International Film Festival Febiofest

★www.febiofest.cz

The festival screens the top films, including Oscar-nominated films, from prestigious festivals from around the world and is one of the biggest film events of its type in Prague.

🕮 May:

Volkswagen Prague Marathon

www.runczech.com

One of the most beautiful marathons in the world winds through Prague's historical centre, continues along the Vltava, and through various Prague districts.

May 12 - June 2

Prague Spring

★www.festival.cz

The most important classical music festival in the Czech Republic featuring a plethora of international and local stars. Every year, it offers audiences several dozen concerts in the beautiful Smetana Hall of the Municipal House, the Dvořák Hall of the Rudolfinum, and other spectacular Prague venues.



June:

United Islands of Prague

★www.unitedislands.cz

United Islands of Prague is a multi-genre music festival, held annually on Vltava River islands and nearby locations in Prague. Enjoy the unique atmosphere of live music surrounded by beautiful parks and in pedestrian zones – for free!

August/September:

Letní Letná

★ www.letniletna.cz

Stars of the international contemporary circus scene, premieres by leading Czech companies, children's shows – wrapped in a casual, relaxed atmosphere...all this at Letní Letná, an international festival of contemporary circus and theatre.

October:

Signal

www.signalfestival.com

An international light festival – one of the entire year's most unique events. The chilly autumn gloom lights up with videomapping projections on Prague monuments, special site-specific projects, as well as interactive installations where every visitor becomes a bit of an artist.



October:

Designblok

√ www.designblok.cz

The biggest design and fashion show in Central Europe offers the best of contemporary furniture and industrial design, home accessories, lighting, fashion, and jewelry.



For more information about dozens of other events, see our website at www.prague.eu.



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 – quark, 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



Hugo Chodí Bos

Ingredients

Manufaktura

Truhlář Marionettes

- ♥ U Lužického semináře 5, Prague 1 Malá Strana
- **√** www.marionety.com

A sales gallery with a wide selection of original marionettes.

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

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Papelote

Vojtěšská 9, Prague 1 - Nové Město √www.papelote.cz

The iconic Czech stationery shop with a wide selection of creative notebooks, notepads, pencil cases, and other items.

Mon-Fri
11:00-19:00, Sat 12:00-18:00

Pragtique

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

Prague-themed gifts and souvenirs designed by contemporary artists.

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 / Celetná 29 / U Lužického semináře 7, Prague 1
- **★www.artelglass.com**

A luxury glass shop combining modern design with high-quality craftsmanship. O Mon-Sun 10:00–19:00 (Platnéřská Street opens at 11:00)



Cihelna Concept Store

♥ Cihelná 2b, Prague 1 – Malá Strana ↑ www.cihelnaprague.com
A curated selection of the best of contemporary Czech glass, porcelain, jewelry, furniture, and designer accessories.

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.

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.

Mon-Sun 10:00-19:00

Kurator

♥ Karoliny Světlé 17, Prague 1 – Staré Město ★ www.kurator.cz
 A space for fashion, design, and beautiful things from interesting Czech designers and brands.
 ⑤ Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00, Sat 13:00-16:00

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

Pavilon



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Qubus+Bomma

Prague 1 − Staré Město www.gubusbomma.cz

The renowned studio of Jakub Berdych and Maxim Velčovský presents contemporary Czech and conceptual design by renowned artists and brands. Their newest "acquisition" is the award-winning glass brand Bomma.

Mon-Sat 11:00-19:00



The Chemistry Design Store

- U Lužického semináře 11, Prague 1 Malá Strana
- www.facebook.com/thechemistrydesignstore

Originally a pop-up, this shop has finally put down roots. It offers a representative selection of art and design from young Czech artists.

Mon-Thu 10:00-20:00. Fri-Sun 10:00-21:00

Glass and Porcelain

Czech Porcelain

Perlová 1, Prague 1 − Staré Město 🗸 www.cesky.porcelan.cz

A shop selling traditional Czech porcelain with the typical blue onion pattern. You can choose from a wide selection of functional and decorative porcelain.

Mon-Fri 9:00-18:00, Sat 9:00-13:00

House of Porcelain

Qugoslávská 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 Bohemia 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.

Mon-Sun 10:00-23:00

Lasvit

Comunardů 32, Prague 7 – Holešovice
 Mww.lasvit.com

Timeless glass designer lighting and decorative items by internationally renowned Czech manufacturers.

Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-18:00

Material

▼ Týn 1, Prague 1 – Staré Město ⊀ www.i-material.com
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

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



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Shopping Centres and Avenues

Nový Smíchov

Plzeňská 8, Prague 5 - Smíchov ≠ www.novysmichov.eu

You'll find over 160 shops and restaurants, a multiplex cinema, and services at this modern shopping mall in the centre of Prague.

© Mon-Sun 9:00-21:00 (shops)

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.

⊙ 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 1 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)

Zdeněk Uhlíř Antiques

Markets and Marketplaces

Havel Marketplace

♀ Havelská 14, Prague 1 – Staré Město ⋪ www.prague.eu

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. @ daily 6:00–18:30

Dlouhá Gourmet Arcade

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.

OMON-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.



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Prague Flea Market

○ U Elektry 3, Prague 9 – Vysočany

✓ www.blesitrhy.cz

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.

A(Void) Boat Flea Market

Rašín Riverbank, Prague – Nové Město 4 www.prazsketrhy.cz A plethora of previously-owned items, collector's items, and antiques.

Tylovo náměstí Flea Market

Prague 2 - Vinohrady / www.prazsketrhy.cz

A diverse selection of knick-knacks and things that time has passed by.

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.

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

Tylovo náměstí ♥ Tylovo nám., Prague 2 – Vinohrady

√ www.trhytylak.cz

Jiřího z Poděbrad 💡 nám. Jiřího z Poděbrad, Prague 3 – Vinohrady

★www.facebook.com/trhynajirakuofficial

Anděl 🕈 Anděl (pedestrian zone), Prague 5 – Smíchov

Vítězné náměstí Vítězné nám., Prague 6 – Dejvice

★www.farmarske-trhy.cz

Karlín V Karlínské náměstí, Prague 8 – Karlín

★www.facebook.com/karlinsketrhy

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.

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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.



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 river-bank, 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 a Vodouch wooden boat built in 19th century style.

• departure points: Judita (Křižovnické náměstí 3, Prague 1), Four Seasons (Platnéřská 2, Prague 1), Čertovka (U Lužického semináře,



Prague Boats

★www.prague-boats.cz ★

Sightseeing and romantic evening cruises with catering accompanied by live music. **9** 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 https://www.dpp.cz/en.

Ferry P1: Sedlec – Zámky year-round Ferry P2: V Podbabě – Podhoří year-round Ferry P3: Lihovar – Veslařský Island (Dvorce) April

to October

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

Octobe

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

Islands of the VItava

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

Kampa

♀ Prague 1 – Malá Strana Ġ

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, domi-nated 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.

Sharpshooters Island (Střelecký ostrov)

Prague 1 - Staré Město 🕏

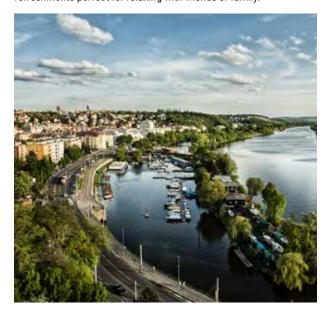
A romantic location hidden under the shade of mature trees in the very heart of the city under the Legionnaires' Bridge (most Legií) charms visitors with its old-time atmosphere and exceptional views of the city from water level.



Leisure Time Complexes

Žluté lázně

• Podolské nábřeží 3, Prague 4 – Podolí ⋪ 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.



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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 only 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 or the Travelex logo
- many commercial change offices legally offer varying exchange rates depending on the total transaction volume. Before carrying out a currency exchange, read the fine print on the exchange rate chart and ask the exchange clerk exactly how much you will pay to change money. After the transaction is completed, insist on getting
- 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

√ 155 – Ambulance

√ 156 - Municipal Police

√ 158 – Czech Police

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

Laws restricting smoking are in effect in the Czech Republic.

Smoking is prohibited in public areas (public transport platforms – bus and tram stops, train stations; on public transport; in cultural facilities; in healthcare facilities). On May 31, 2017, a new law comes into effect which prohibits smoking in all dining establishments.

Taxi Fair Place

These stands are marked with a yellow sign with the inscription TAXI and an orange thumbs-up sign with the inscription FAIR PLACE. The operators of these locations guarantee a fair price, a safe trip, professional drivers, and high quality service. We do not recommend hailing a taxi directly on the street.

Embassies

Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Thunovská 14, Prague 1 – Malá Strana 5 +420 257 402 111

www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/british-embassy-

US Embassy

-prague

★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

Main Post Office

Jindřišská 14, Prague 1 – Nové Město

www.ceskaposta.cz

O 2:00-24:00 \$\display+420 221 131 445, +420 604 221 504

Advance Ticket Sales

Tickets to cultural events can be purchased at Prague City Tourism information centres or at **4** www.ticketpro.cz, **4** www.ticketportal.cz,

✓ www.ticketstream.cz, ✓ www.colosseumticket.cz, and

★www.ticket-art.cz

Lost and Found

Staroliny Světlé 5, Prague 1 − Staré Město

Staré Mě

♦ +420 224 235 085 **⊙** 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)

Healthcare Services

Emergency Healthcare Services

Prague Municipal Health Centre

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

medical assistance for adults: ⊙ Mon-Fri 19:00-6:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\ +420 222 924 295 \\
dental emergencies: ⊙ Mon-Thu 19:00-6:00; Fri 16:00-6:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\ +420 222 924 268 \end{array}

Motol University Hospital

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

Special foreigners' department.

medical assistance for adults: \bigcirc Mon-Fri 19:00-6:30; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \checkmark +420 224 438 590

emergencies (children and young adults, including dental):

⊙ Mon-Fri 17:00-7:00; 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 4 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

Pudínova 2, Prague 8 - Libeň √ www.bulovka.cz

medical assistance for adults: ③ Mon-Fri 19:00-6:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\ +420 283 842 222 \)
emergencies (children and adults): ③ Mon-Fri 16:00-6:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours \$\ +420 283 842 224

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) \$\&\text{+420 267 163 778}\$

Central Military Hospital – Military University Hospital Prague

♥ U Vojenské nemocnice 1200, Prague 6 – Břevnov ≰ www.uvn.cz medical assistance for adults: ♥ Mon-Fri 19:00-7:00; Sat, Sun, and holidays open 24 hours ♥ +420 973 203 571

Thomayer Hospital

Vídeňská 800, Prague 4 - Krč √www.ftn.cz

Pharmacies with After-Hours Service (*Lékárna*)

Lékárna Palackého

Prague 1 - Palackého 5 5+420 224 946 982

Lékárna U Svaté Ludmily

Thomayer (Krč) Hospital

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

Lékárna Medifin

★ www.medifin.eu

Motol Hospital

Lékárna BENU

Prague 7 - Františka Křížka 22 +420 731 638 010

⋪ www.benu.cz

Bulovka Hospital

Poliklinika Malešice

Prague 10 - Plaňanská 1 5 +420 281 019 258, +420 724 210 499,

⋪ www.medifin.eu

Tourist Information and Services

Prague City Tourism Information and Visitor Centres

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- free maps and information brochures about Prague
- tickets to cultural events
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- sales of maps and multi-day public transportation tickets
- sales of Prague Cards and souvenirs

Where You Can Find Us:

Old Town Hall Tourist Information Centre

Staroměstské náměstí 1, Prague 1 – Staré Město daily 9:00–19:00

Na Můstku Visitor Centre

♥ Rytířská 12, Prague 1 – Staré Město ℚ daily 9:00–19:00, exchange office, relaxation zone, wifi

Wenceslas Square Tourist Information Centre (upper part of the square)

on the corner of Štěpánská Street Odaily 10:00-18:00

Václav Havel Airport Visitor Centre

arrivals hall, Terminal 1, Prague 6 daily 8:00-20:00

Václav Havel Airport Tourist Information Centre

arrivals hall, Terminal 2, Prague 6, add daily 8:00-20:00

We are also happy to provide information at

1 You can also find any information you might need about the city at the official tourism portal for Prague www.prague.eu.

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The visitors' card lets you take advantage of everything interesting that Prague offers. With it, you get free entrance to over 50 main tourist sites and significant discounts on admission to about 40 other monuments; free use of public transportation throughout the validity of the card; airport transfers with the Airport Express bus; and sightseeing tours. The price of the card also includes discounts on other admissions, excursions, and cultural performances.



Two-, three-, or four-day cards can be purchased online at ₱ www.eshop.prague.eu or at any of our tourist information centres.

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Sightseeing Tours

Best Tour

- **★** www.besttour.cz
- departure point: Václavské náměstí 27

City Sightseeing Prague (Hop On – Hop Off)

- 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
- departure point: various locations throughout the city centre; tours depart every 15 minutes

Martin Tour

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



Prague Bus Tours

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

Prague Sightseeing Tours

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

Premiant City Tour

- **★www.premiant.cz**
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Special Tours

3 veteráni

√ www.3veterani.cz

sightseeing tours in historical cars

departure points: Pařížská 2 and Mostecká 5–7

Accessible Prague

★www.accessibleprague.com

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specialised tours of Prague for the disabled

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★www.aeroprague.com

sightseeing flights by plane or helicopter

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hot air balloon flights

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guided cycling tours



Ekoexpres

★www.ekoexpres.cz

sightseeing tours by special "eco-train"

• departure 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 \bigcirc 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.



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- Staroměstské náměstí 1 Prague 1
- o daily 9:00-19:00

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