



Prague

A city of magic and romance, a gem of architecture down the centuries; full of captivating ambience, resounding with the melodies of great composers, but also a modern metropolis pulsating with life; Prague is all these, one of the finest cities in the world. In 1992 its historical centre was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Area: 496 km²
Population: 1,265,000
Geographical location: 50° 05′ 19″ North, 14° 25′ 17″ East, 235 m above sea level (avg.)
Time zone: Central European Time (GMT +1) – CET daylight saving time +1 (GMT +2)
Climate: Central European, temperate with 4 seasons
Vltava River flows through the city for 31 km, widest point 330 m, 14 bridges
Historical centre: Prague Castle (Hradčany), Lesser Town (Malá Strana), Old Town (Staré Město), New Town (Nové Město) and Vyšehrad

Practical information:

Emergency phone line: 112
Czech Republic dialling code: +420

Václav Havel Airport Prague (Letiště Václava Havla Praha) – www.prg.aero, 30 minutes from city centre

Airport access:

Nádraží Veleslavin (metro A) – bus 119

Žižlín (metro B) – bus 100

Hlavní nádraží (metro C) – bus Airport Express

Public transport – www.dpp.cz
 Tourist passes for 24 or 72 hours

Municipal Health centre Prague (Městská poliklinika Praha) – Spálená 12, Prague 1, T: +420 222 924 295 [D3]

24 hour Pharmacy – Palackého 5, Prague 1, T: +420 224 946 982 [D3]

Currency – Czech koruna (CZK); 1 euro = approx. 27 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 major international payment cards. Cash available via a dense network of ATMs.

Main Post Office – Jindřišská 14, Prague 1, www.ceskaposta.cz
 daily 2:00–24:00 [D3]

Public toilets – in all Metro stations, usual opening hours: Mon–Fri 7:00–20:00, Sat–Sun 8:30–20:00, longer at central and connecting stations

Public holidays in the Czech Republic

1 Jan – New Year’s Day, Czech State Day / **Good Friday** and **Easter Monday** (moveable feast) / **1 May** – Labour Day / **8 May** – Victory Day / **5 July** – Day of

the Slavic missionaries Cyril & Methodius / **6 July** – Master John Hus Immo-lation Day / **28 Sept** – Czech Statehood Day / **28 Oct** – Czechoslovak State Inception Day / **17 Nov** – Freedom and Democracy Day / **24 Dec** – Christmas Eve / **25 Dec** – Christmas Day / **26 Dec** – St Stephen’s Day

Top Prague Sights

Prague Castle (Pražský hrad) – Prague 1 – Hradčany, www.hrad.cz

The Prague Castle panorama is one of the most impressive anywhere. One of the largest castle complexes in the world, with historical palaces, church buildings, extensive gardens and picturesque vistas. Prague Castle has for over a thousand years symbolized Czech statehood. Most notable is the Gothic Cathedral of Sts Vitus, Wenceslas and Adalbert (1344). [C2]

Charles Bridge (Karlův most) – Prague 1 – Lesser Town, Old Town

The oldest and most renowned Prague bridge was built in 1357 by Charles IV. At both ends stand fortified bridge towers – The twin Lesser Town towers and the Old Town tower, which is one of the finest gate towers of Gothic Europe. [C3]

St Nicholas Church (Kostel sv. Mikuláše) – Malostranské náměstí, Prague 1, www.stnicholas.cz

A prime example of Prague Baroque with distinctive dome and bell tower. The Church is a key part of the panorama, not just the left bank of the Vltava River. While staying in Prague, W. A. Mozart played the organ here. [C3]

Old Town Hall and Horologe (Staroměstská radnice s orlojem) – Staroměstské náměstí, Prague 1, www.staromestskaradnicevpraze.cz

The Old Town Hall dates from 1338, presiding over the Old Town. The oldest Gothic part of the complex is the tower and the oriel chapel, as well as the medieval horo-loge, where every hour between 9:00–23:00 the 12 Apostles are to be seen. [D3]

The Church of Our Lady Victorious – ‘Child of Prague’ (Kostel Panny Marie Vítězné – Pražské Jezulátko) – Karmelitánské 9, Prague 1, www.prajjesu.cz

An early Baroque church renowned for its Infant Jesus statue from Spain, dona-ted to the Carmelites by Polyxena of Lobkowitz (h628). [C3]

Strahov Monastery (Strahovský klášter) – Strahovské nádvoří 1, Prague 1, www.strahovskyclaster.cz

The Premonstratensian monastery dates from 1140. Its grounds include the heritage Strahov library and Strahov picture gallery, with remarkable collections of Central European Gothic, Rudolfine, Baroque and Rococo works of art. [B3]

Loreta – Loretánské náměstí 7, Prague 1, www.loreta.cz

A Marian pilgrimage place with replica Holy House, and the Baroque Church of the Nativity. The so-called Loreto treasure is a set of missal objects, the most famous being the Diamond monstrance. [B3/2]

Clementinum – Mariánské náměstí 5, Prague 1, www.klementinum.com

An extensive complex, originally a Jesuit College. The guided tour includes the Astronomical Tower and Baroque Library Hall. The Mirrored Chapel distinctively beset with mirrors is used as a concert hall. [C3]

The Old-New Synagogue (Staronová synagoga) – Červená st., Prague 1, www.kehilaprag.cz

Among the oldest and most valuable European and World Jewish monuments, the oldest synagogue in Central Europe. The early Gothic, late 13th century build- ing is still the temple for Prague’s Jewish community. [D2]

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

Staroměstské náměstí, Prague 1, www.tyn.cz
 One of the most impressive Gothic sacral buildings in Prague with an extensive gallery of Gothic, Renaissance and early Baroque works, e.g. fine altarpieces by Karel Škréta and the tomb of astronomer Tycho Brahe. [D3]

Municipal House (Obecní dům) – náměstí Republiky 5, Prague 1,

www.obecnidum.cz
 Early 20th century Prague Art Nouveau at its best, the work of major artists of the period headed by none less than the renowned painter Alfons Mucha. The Smetana Concert Hall dominates the stunning interior. [D3]

Powder Tower (Prašná brána) – Na Příkopě, Prague 1, www.muzeumprahy.cz
 A landmark of late Gothic Prague, the start of the so-called Royal route to Prague Castle. It used to be a gunpowder warehouse. [D3]

Vyšehrad – V Pevnosti, Prague 2, www.praha-vysehrad.cz

According to ancient legend the oldest seat of Czech princes, in fact the fortress dates back to the 10th century. Its parks encompass architectural treasures like the Romanesque Rotunda of St Martin, the neo-Gothic church of Sts Peter and Paul, the National Cemetery and other places of note. [D4]

Modern architecture

Petřín Lookout Tower (Petřínská rozhledna) – Petřínské sady, Prague 1, www.muzeumprahy.cz.
 One of Prague’s unmissable landmarks, built in 1891 as a loose copy of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, on a 135 scale. [C3]

Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord (Kostel Nejsvětějšího Srdce Páně) – náměstí Jiřího z Poděbrad, Prague 3, www.srdcepane.cz.

The prime 20th century Czech sacral building by the Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik. The distinctive and monumental edifice is inspired by ancient Christian designs. [E3]

House at the Black Madonna (Dům U Černé Matky Boží) – Ovocný trh 19, Prague 1, www.upm.cz.

The pinnacle of Czech Cubist architecture, exceptional for its façade and Cubist layout design, which goes right into the interior. Also houses a permanent exhibi- tion of Czech Cubism. [D3]

Müller’s villa (Müllerova vila) – Nad Hradním vodojemem 14, Prague 6,

www.muzeumprahy.cz
 The villa is a world masterpiece of architectural avant-garde. The outside seems curtly functionalist, the internal layout being more remarkable, ‘flowing’ one into another. [B2]

The Dancing House (Tančí dům) – Rašínovo nábřeží 80, Prague 2,

www.tancidum.cz
 This exceptional building is a pillar of modern Prague architecture; Inspired by the dancing skill of that famous movie couple – Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. [C3]

Veletřzní Palace (Veletřzní palác) – Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7,

www.ngprague.cz
 Once the largest building of its kind in the world, the first functionalist building in Prague, impressively sized at 140 x 75 m. Today it holds the National Gallery’s modern art collections. [D2]

National Memorial on the Vítkov Hill (Národní památník na Vítkově) –

U Památníku 1900, Prague 3, www.nm.cz
 This monumental building was erected to honour Czechoslovak Legionnaires and resistance fighters in WWI. The site of the tomb of the unknown soldier and a huge bronze equestrian statue of Jan Žižka. [E3]

Žižkov TV tower (Žižkovská televizní věž) – Mahlerovy sady 1, Prague 3,

www.towerpark.cz
 Without a doubt towering over Prague at 216 m, the tallest building in the city. Climbing the tower’s exterior are 10 giant baby statues by David Černý. [E3]

Prague’s Parks and Gardens

Prague Castle Gardens (Zahrady Pražského hradu) – Prague Castle, Prague 1,

www.hrad.cz.
 Historically most notable is the Royal Garden from 1534, with its singing fountain, which belongs among the finest Renaissance water fountains in Europe. From the Southern gardens, stretching beneath the Castle frontage, you get breathtaking views over Prague’s historical centre. [C2]

The Palace Gardens under Prague Castle (Palácové zahrady pod Pražským hradem) – Valdštejnská 12 – 14, Prague 1, www.palacove-zahrady.cz

On the southern slopes below Prague Castle is a showpiece complex of interrela- ted historical gardens with rich architectural decor, lookout terraces and pavilions set among the vegetation to charming effect. [C2]

Wallenstein Garden (Valdštejnská zahrada) – Letenská st., Prague 1

A geometrically set out early Baroque garden with monumental sala terrena and artificial grotto with a distinctive atmosphere. Free ranging peacocks accompany your walk. [C2]

Vrtba Garden (Vrtbovská zahrada) – Karmelitánská 25, Prague 1,

www.vrtbovska.cz
 One of the most important and finest Baroque gardens, though compact, archi- tecturally original on its awkward slope, with sculptural artistic merit that makes it a garden of European importance. [C3]

Vojanovy sady gardens – U Lužického semináře 17, Prague 1

A little mysterious and unjustly overlooked. The pensiveness of Vojanovy sady has lingered since the Middle Ages, when it was a monastery garden. [C3]

Petřín park (Petřínské sady) – Prague 1 – Lesser Town

Petřín Hill is one of the largest urban expanses of greenery and its slopes are an oasis of calm in the centre of Prague. Atop stands Petřín lookout tower, which offers an enchanting view of the whole city. [C3/B3]

Franciscan garden (Františkánská zahrada) – Jungmannovo náměstí, Prague 1

The cosy green nook in the heart of the city invites you to stop and take a breath when walking around Prague. The local herbaceous beds are a treat. [D3]

Rieger’s park (Riegrovy sady) – Prague 2 – Vinohrady

This park, over a hundred years old, has many half-hid nooks, wooded glades, open leas and uncommon vistas of Prague. [E3/D3]

Vyšehrad park (Vyšehradské sady) – Prague 2 – Vyšehrad

A magical place of myths and legends, with romantic hideaways and beautiful vistas of the Vltava River. [D4]

Royal Park (Královská obora) – Stromovka – Prague 7 – Bubeneč

The sprawling park covers an area of 95 ha in close proximity to Holešovice Exhi- bition grounds. It is the ideal place for romantic walks, picnics, sport and leisure. [D1,D2/C1,C2]

Letná park (Letenské sady) – Prague 7 – Holešovice

An extensive park with large grassy areas, mature trees and a varied mix of tree species and long plane-tree avenue, providing a nice place to sit and great city views. [D2/C2]

Museum & Galleries

The National Museum (Národní muzeum):

– **The National Museum historical building (Historická budova Národního muzea)** – Václavské náměstí 68, Prague 1
 Closed for refurbishment until 2018 [D3]

– **The National Museum new building (Nová budova Národního muzea)** –

Vinohradská 1, Prague 1

Showing: “Noah’s Ark” natural history exposition [D3]

– **Náprstkovo Museum (Náprstkovo muzeum)** – Betlémské náměstí 1, Prague 1

Showing: Cultures of Australia and Oceania; Vojta Náprstek (Museum found- er) [C3]

– **Czech Museum of Music (České muzeum hudby)** – Karmelitánská 2/4, Prague 1

Showing: Man – Instrument – Music (400 historical musical instruments, incl. the pianoforte played by W. A. Mozart) [C3]

– **Lapidary (Lapidárium)** – Výstaviště 422, Prague 7

Showing: The monuments of stone carving in Bohemia, 11–19th centuries [D1]
 For other National Museum exhibits, see www.nm.cz

The City of Prague Museum (Muzeum hlavního města Prahy) – Na Poříčí 52,

Prague 8, www.muzeumprahy.cz

Showing: Langwell’s model of Prague, Prague from prehistory to 1784 [D2]

Museum Kampa – U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1, www.muzeumkampa.cz

Showing: A collection of Central European modern art and artworks by pioneering

abstract painter František Kupka, and Czech Cubist sculptor Otto Gutfreund. [C3]

Jewish Museum in Prague (Židovské muzeum v Praze) – Maiselova 15,

Prague 1, www.jewishmuseum.cz.

One of the oldest and continuously run Jewish museums in the world, documenting the history, traditions and customs of the Jewish population in the Czech lands. Also under the Museum’s care are: The Old Jewish Cemetery (Starý židovský hřbitov), Spanish syna- gogue (Španělská synagoga), Pinkas synagogue (Pinkasova synagoga), Ceremonial Hall (Obřadní síň), Maisel synagogue (Maiselova synagoga), Klausen synagogue (Klausová synagoga), and the Robert Guttmann Gallery (Galerie Roberta Guttmanna) [D2]

The National Gallery in Prague (Národní galerie v Praze):

– **Veletřzní Palace (Veletřzní palác)** – Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7

Showing: Collection of Modern and Contemporary Art [D2]

– **Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia (Klášter sv. Aněžky České)**

– U Milosrdných 17, Prague 1

Showing: Medieval Art in Bohemia and Central Europe 1200–1550 [D2]

– **Sternberg Palace (Šternberský palác)** – Hradčanské náměstí 15, Prague 1

Showing: Collection of Old Masters [C2]

– **Schwarzenberg Palace (Schwarzenberský palác)** – Hradčanské náměstí 2,

Prague 1

Showing: Baroque in Bohemia [C3]

– **Salm Palace (Salmovský palác)** – Hradčanské náměstí 2, Prague 1

Showing: 19th century Art from Classicism to Romanticism [C3]

– **Kinsky Palace (Palác Kinských)** – Staroměstské náměstí 12, Prague 1

Showing: The Art of Asia [D3]

More information at www.ngprague.cz

The Prague City Gallery (Galerie hlavního města Prahy):

– **Troja Chateau (Trojský zámek)** – U Trojského zámku 4/1, Prague 7

Showing: The architecture and decor of Chateau Troja [C1]

– **Bilek Villa** – Mickiewiczova 1, Prague 6

Showing: The Studio of František Bílek, Czech symbolist sculptor and graphic artist [C2]

– **The House at the Stone Bell (Dům U Kamenného zvonu)** – Staroměstské

náměstí 13, Prague 1

Exhibition Hall [D3]

– **Municipal Library (2nd floor)** – Mariánské náměstí 1, Prague 1

Exhibition Hall [D3]

– **House of Photography (Dům fotografie)** – Revoluční 5, Prague 1

Exhibition Hall [D2]

More information at www.ghmp.cz

Picture Gallery of Prague Castle (Obrazárna Pražského hradu) –

Prague Castle – II. nádvoří, Prague 1, www.kulturahrade.cz

Showing: Paintings from the Castle collections [C2]

The Strahov picture gallery (Strahovská obrazárna) – Strahovské nádvoří 1,

Prague 1, www.strahovskyclaster.cz

Showing: A collection of Czech and European art from Gothic to romanticism [B3]

DOX – Centre for Contemporary Art – Poupětova 1, Prague 7, www.dox.cz

Presenting contemporary art, architecture and design [E1]

Vltava, and life on the river

Náplavka – Rašínovo nábřeží, Prague 2, www.prazskენaplavky.cz

Náplavka offers a wealth of events of all kinds especially in the spring and summer months – from farmers’ markets through tasting festivals to diverse cultural events. All this under the open sky, with views of the Vltava River and Prague Castle. [C4]

Rental boats and pedalos

Popular pedalos or boats are an interesting and romantic alternative way to spend summer leisure time in Prague.

– **Slovanka** – Slovanský ostrov, Prague 1, www.slovanka.net [C3]

– **S.P.L.A.V. Praha** – Slovanský ostrov 8, Prague 1 [C3]

– **Boat rental** – Smetanovo nábřeží, Prague 1, www.pujcovna-lodicek.cz [C3]

Sightseeing cruises

River Cruises offer an unforgettable view of the historic centre of Prague and many novel experiences.

– **The Prague Steamboat Company (Pražská paroplavební společnost)** – Raší- novo embankment and Čechův bridge wharf, www.paroplavba.cz – also trips to the ZOO (April – September) [C3; D2]

– **Evropská vodní doprava – Prague Boats** – Čechův bridge wharf, www.evd.cz [D2]

– **Prague Venice (Pražské Benátky)** – Judita, Čertovka, Mánes and Four Sea- sons wharfs, www.prazskebenatky.cz [C3; C3; C2 and C3]

– **Prague ferry steamers (Parníky Praha)** – Dvořákovo embankment, Na Fran- tišku, www.parniky-praha.eu [D2]

– **Jazzboat** – Čechův bridge wharf, www.jazzboat.cz – an exceptional floating jazz club [D2]

Prague ferryboats

Prague ferries are the greatest way to cross between Prague’s right and left banks. From April to October and normal Public transport (MHD) tickets apply. More information at www.dpp.cz or www.ropid.cz.

Vltava River Islands

By the waterside you can also enjoy any of Prague’s islands.

– **Kampa** – Prague 1 – an island between the main course of the Vltava River and its Čertovka offshoot, one of the most romantic and lovely places in Prague [C3]

– **Slovanský Island (Slovanský ostrov)** – Prague 1 – the one island on the Vltava

River with a significant park, with its showy neo-Renaissance Zofín palace [C3]

– **Střelecký Island (Střelecký ostrov)** – Prague 1 – a cosy place shaded by ancient trees, captures the atmosphere of old times with uncommon views of Prague [C3]

– **Štvanice Island (Ostrov Štvanice)** – Prague 7 – formerly also known as Great Venice, nowadays particularly popular with athletes [D2/E2]

Prague attractions

Prague Zoo (Zoologická zahrada hl. m. Prahy) – U Trojského zámku 3,

Prague 7, www.zoopraha.cz

Thanks to its prime location Prague Zoo belongs among the loveliest zoos in the world. This beautiful stretch of the outdoors and its animal inhabitants is apt for all generations of visitors. [C1]

Prague Botanical Garden (Botanická zahrada hl. m. Prahy) – Trojská 196,

Prague 7, www.botanicka.cz

The garden offers almost 30 hectares of landscaped areas, including the Fata Morgana tropical greenhouse exhibit, letting you enjoy a trip to the tropics at any time of the year. [C1]

Aquapalace Prague – Pražská 138, Průhonice – Čestlice, www.aquapalace.cz

The biggest entertainment aqua park in Central Europe, where you’ll



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- Built-up area
- Public building
- Notable architecture
- Park
- Pedestrian zone
- Cemetery / Jewish Cemetery
- Street
- Main route
- Railway station
- Funicular railway
- Metro route with station
- Bus station
- Information centre
- Hospital / Health centre
- Museum / Gallery
- Post Office
- Church / Synagogue
- wharf / ferry
- Viewpoint
- Shopping

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