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 km<sup>2</sup> Population: 1,290,000 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 Historical centre: Prague Castle (Hradčany), Lesser Town (Malá Strana), Old Town (Staré Město), New Town (Nové Město) and Vyšehrad

#### **Practical information:**

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Airport access: Hlavní nádraží (♥ C) 🖨 Airport Express, trip length approx. 33 minutes **Nádraží Veleslavín** (🌣 A) 🗏 119, trip length approx. 17 minutes **Zličín** ( B) 🗐 100, trip length approx. 16 minutes **Anděl** (♥ B) ■ 191, trip length approx. 51 minutes **Night bus** ■ 910

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#### **Public holidays in the Czech Republic**

★ www.ceskaposta.cz daily 2:00-24:00 D3

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 Immolation 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



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

## St Nicholas Church (Kostel sv. Mikuláše)

towers of Gothic Europe. C3

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.

### Old Town Hall and Horologe (Staroměstská radnice s orlojem)

Staroměstské náměstí, Prague 1 🕯 www.prague.eu/oldtownhall 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 horologe, 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) V Karmelitská 9, Prague 1 **★** www.pragjesu.cz

An early Baroque church renowned for its Infant Jesus statue from Spain, donated to the Carmelites by Polyxena of Lobkowitz (1628). C3

# Strahov Monastery (Strahovský klášter)

Strahovské nádvoří 1, Prague 1 ⊀ www.strahovskyklaster.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)

Among the oldest and most valuable European and World Jewish monuments, the oldest synagogue in Central Europe. The early Gothic, late 13th century building 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

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**

ancient Christian designs. E3

flowing' one into another. B2

Petřín Lookout Tower (Petřínská rozhledna) Petřínské sady, Prague 1 🖊 www.muzeumprahy.cz

the Eiffel Tower in Paris, on a 1:5 scale. C3

One of Prague's unmissable landmarks, built in 1891 as a loose copy of

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

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 exhibition of Czech Cubism. D3

Müller's villa (Müllerova vila) 👂 Nad Hradním vodojemem 14, Prague 6

www.muzeumprahv.cz The villa is a world masterpiece of architectural avant-garde. The outside seems curtly functionalist, the internal layout being more remarkable,

The Dancing House (*Tančící dům*) ♥ Jiráskovo náměstí 6, Prague 2 4 www.tancici-dum.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



## Veletržní Palace (Veletržní palác) ♥ Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7

★ www.naprague.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

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 **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 interrelated historical gardens with rich architectural decor, lookout terraces and pavilions set among the vegetation to charming effect. C2

Wallenstein Garden (Valdštejnská zahrada) V 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) V Karmelitská 25, Prague 1 **★** www.vrtbovska.cz

One of the most important and finest Baroque gardens, though compact, architecturally original on its awkward slope, with sculptural artistic merit that makes it a garden of European importance. C3

Vojanovy sady gardens V 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)

beautiful vistas of the Vltava River. D4

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

Royal Park (Královská obora) – Stromovka 🕈 Prague 7 – Bubeneč The sprawling park covers an area of 95 ha in close proximity to Holešovice Exhibition 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 a 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 28 Oct 2018 D3

• The National Museum new building (Nová budova Národního muzea)

Vinohradská 1, Prague 1 Showing: "Noah's Ark" natural history exposition 🖂

• Czech Museum of Music (České muzeum hudby)

Varmelitská 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

**1** For other National Museum exhibits, see **1** www.nm.cz

The City of Prague Museum (Muzeum hlavního města Prahy) Showing: The Langweil model of Prague, the history of Prague from

prehistory to the Middle Ages and the present day D2 • The House at the Golden Ring (Dům U Zlatého prstenu)

Týnská 6, Prague 1 Showing: Prague under Charles IV (a burgeoning European Medieval City)

Museum Kampa 💡 U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1 **★** www.museumkampa.cz

Showing: A collection of Central European modern art and artworks by pioneering abstract painter František Kupka, and Czech Cubist sculptor

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 synagogue (Španělská synagoga), Pinkas synagogue (Pinkasova synagoga), Ceremonial Hall (Obřadní síň), Maisel synagogue (Maiselova synagoga), Klausen synagogue (Klausová synagoga), and the Robert Guttmann Gallery. D2

The National Gallery in Prague (Národní galerie v Praze): • Veletržní Palace (Veletržní palác) • Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7 Showing: The Arts in Czechoslovakia 1918–1989 (from 28 Oct 2018) D2 • Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia (Klášter sv. Anežky České)

U Milosrdných 17, Prague 1

Showing: Medieval Art in Bohemia and Central Europe 1200–1550 D2 • Sternberg Palace (Šternberský palác) • Hradčanské nám. 15, Prague 1 Exhibition Hall C2

• Schwarzenberg Palace (Schwarzenberský palác)

Pradčanské nám. 2, Prague 1 Showing: The Baroque in Bohemia (till August 2018) C3

Exhibition Hall D3

• Salm Palace (Salmovský palác) • Hradčanské nám. 2, Prague 1 Showing: The TBA21 Contemporary Arts Centre (from 6 Jun 2018) C3 • Kinský Palace (Palác Kinských) Staroměstské nám. 12, Prague 1

eye on the websites in case of exhibition and venue changes)

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

 Bílek 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

Picture Gallery of Prague Castle (Obrazárna Pražského hradu) 

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

Showing: Paintings from the Castle collections C2 The Strahov picture gallery (Strahovská obrazárna)

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



### VItava, and life on the river

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

Rental boats and pedalos

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

Sightseeing cruises

activities.

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



• The Prague Steamboat Company (Pražská paroplavební společnost)

Rašínovo embankment and Čechův bridge wharf

★ www.paroplavba.cz - also trips to the ZOO (April - September) C3;D2 • Evropská vodní doprava - Prague Boats

• Prague Venice (Pražské Benátky) ♥ Judita, Čertovka, Mánes and Four Seasons wharfs / www.prazskebenatky.cz C3;C3;C2 and C3 • Prague ferry steamers (Parníky Praha) O Dvořákovo embankment,

 Jazzboat ♥ Čechův bridge wharf www.jazzboat.cz – an exceptional floating jazz club D2

Prague ferries are the greatest way to cross between Prague's right and left banks. From April to October, and normal Public transport (MHD)

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

• Kampa ♥ Prague 1 – an island between the main course of the VItava River and its Čertovka offshoot, one of the most romantic and lovely places in Prague C3

Vltava River with a significant park, with its showy neo-Renaissance Žofín palace C3

by ancient trees, captures the atmosphere of old times with uncommon views of Prague C3

Prague attractions

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



### rague Botanical Garden (Botanická zahrada hl. m. Prahy)

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 오 Pražská 138, Průhonice – Čestlice

The biggest entertainment aqua park in Central Europe, where you'll enjoy memorable moments in this singular sports and leisure complex awash with aquatic attractions

Petřín Funicular (Lanová dráha na Petřín) ♥ Újezd, Prague 1 🖈 www.dpp.cz A popular funicular railway running since 1891. It is integrated into the public transport network and takes you to the top of Petřín Hill. 🔀

Mirror labyrinth at Petřín (Zrcadlové bludiště)

From the outside it looks like a mini castle, inside, instead of secret passages you'll meet a maze of mirrors. Spontaneous children's laughter

**Historical Tram Line No. 41** 

From the Holešovice exhibition grounds or the Střešovice yard, at weekends from April to November, the historical tram sets off on its regular route through the city centre. D2

You don't have to explore the charm of Prague on foot. What not try a fairytale carriage, a vintage car, an ecotrain or a scenic balloon flight? There are plenty of options. For more information, please visit our Tourist Information and Visitor Centres.

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• Slovanský Island (Slovanský ostrov) ♥ Prague 1 – the one island on the

• Střelecký Island (Střelecký ostrov) ♥ Prague 1 – a cosy place shaded

Prague Zoo (Zoologická zahrada hl. m. Prahy)

♥ U Trojského zámku 3, Prague 7 www.zoopraha.cz



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echoes in the Hall of laughter, with its distorting mirrors. C3

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