

# **Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies (UPCES)**

CERGE-EI and the School of Humanities at Charles University



# **UPCES Student Guide**

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# INTRODUCTION



## About the Program

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- The Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies (UPCES) evolved as a joint effort of two highly reputable institutions striving for a common goal: a top quality undergraduate educational experience focused on integral issues of Central Europe. CERGE-EI and Charles University work together to ensure American and Czech students a challenging educational environment in which they learn from experienced faculty, as well as from one another.
- Visiting students take part in courses organized specifically for UPCES and are joined by students of Charles University. This interaction guarantees that students take their courses in an international, multi-cultural environment. CERGE-EI feels strongly that students can develop a true sense of the region through direct academic and social interaction within the local culture.
- Participants of UPCES will enjoy the added benefit of the activities taking place in the same building related to the CERGE-EI Ph.D. program and ongoing research activities of the Economics Institute. Seminars on both theoretical and applied economics are presented weekly by a wide array of international scholars and researchers, and regular academic workshops and panel discussions are open to all program participants. Additionally, interaction with an internationally comprised student body offers an even more meaningful experience.



## Mission Statement

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- CERGE-EI is driven by a concern for the current and future development of education in the region, as well as a desire to provide its students with top quality educational and research facilities. CERGE-EI has introduced a new pattern of post-graduate economic education into the region, one which is based on intensive theoretical and technical training of the students, their participation in research activities and the utilization of excellent lecturers. In so doing, it has become a leading institution of modern education in the region. It is with this same desire for academic rigor that we they established the Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies (UPCES).
- UPCES is oriented toward offering students a top quality education focused in Central European issues while taking advantage of its setting and immersing students within the local culture. In a collaborative effort with the School of Humanities at Charles University, CERGE-EI designed an academic study abroad program that applies a multidisciplinary approach in teaching students about the region, Czech culture, socio-economic implications of a nation in transition and foreign policy issues.

## Short History of CERGE-EI



CERGE was established in 1991. The concept was developed by Professor Jan Švejnar, now Everett E. Berg Professor of Business Administration, Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, Professor of International Business, and Professor of the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan, and Professor Josef Zieleniec of Charles University, now a Member of the European Parliament. Initial funding for CERGE-EI was provided by numerous sources, including Charles University, the University of Pittsburgh, USAID, the European Commission, the Ford Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Our institution was initially established as a part of the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University and later (by a decree of the Rector of Charles University on October 1, 1993) as an institute of Charles University.

The most recent change in CERGE-EI's academic status came in 2000, when the Ph.D. program earned accreditation from the New York State Board of Regents. This, combined with the existing accreditation in the Czech Republic, assures graduates that they are earning a doctoral degree that has international recognition.

### Organizational structure

The Director of CERGE-EI is the legal representative of CERGE-EI. He directs the day-to-day activities of CERGE-EI according to the Bylaws of Charles University, the Bylaws of CERGE-EI, and general regulations.

“Odborová rada” is an academic body appointed by the Rector of Charles University. It is responsible for coordination and evaluation of doctoral study programs as well as the evaluation of individual doctoral students.

Overall supervision of the academic program and other activities of CERGE-EI is performed by an Executive and Supervisory Committee (ESC) under authority granted by Charles University. **CERGE-EI Executive and Supervisory Committee (ESC)**

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**This Committee:**

- a) is actively involved in raising external support for CERGE-EI;
- b) supervises the efficient utilization of funds raised from foreign sponsors and the coordination of these funds with budgets provided from local sources;
- c) guarantees maintenance of highly professional academic standards;
- d) submits proposals to the Rector of Charles University for appointing ESC members and to the accrediting commission for the composition of the competition commission who selects the Director of CERGE-EI.

In its activities, the Committee is guided by the Statutes of Charles University and the CERGE-EI Bylaws; the procedural questions of the Committee's activities are governed by internal rules.

## **Location and Directions to CERGE-EI**

CERGE-EI is located at Politických vězňů 7 in the center of Prague (Prague 1). The closest Metro stop is called Můstek, which is a transfer station for the “A” and “B” metro lines (see map in the [appendix on page #46](#)).

### **Directions from the airport:**

As you walk out of “Arrivals” at Terminal 1 or 2 at the airport, there is a bus stop across the street. Take bus #119 (across the street and to the right) to the “Dejvická” Metro station (last stop) and then board the metro (heading toward “Skalka”) and disembark at the Můstek station. Once you step off, walk toward the exit (východ) of “Václavské náměstí”. Once you arrive at the top of the escalator, find the Albert grocery store and exit to street level via the stairs toward Jindřišská ulice.

In case you arrive at a time when the public transit bus is not in service (i.e., for late night arrivals), take a taxi (AAA Radio Taxi is located outside “arrivals.” They are the bright yellow taxis. Taxi prices are regulated by the city and cannot legally exceed 22 Kč per kilometer. The price for a ride from the airport to the Hotel Apartments should be no more than 600 Kč. AAA Radio Taxi is known to have English-speaking dispatchers as well as a good reputation for fairness. They may be reached by calling 222 333 222 or 221 102 211. For more taxi options, please see the section “24 Hour Taxis”.

### **Directions from the train station:**

Prague has two main railway stations, which serve as arrival points for international lines. These stations are Hlavní nádraží (the main station) and Nádraží Holešovice. Both stations have their own metro stations in the same building (both are on the “C” line). To get to CERGE-EI, take the metro to Muzeum, walk down Václavské náměstí to Opletalova, turn right, walk to the next intersection, turn left onto Politických vězňů and the CERGE-EI building will be approximately 200 m on the right.

### Contact information:

The Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies (UPCES) is located in Room 406 and Room 406a and Room 406b on the fourth floor. The phone number is (+420) 224 005 201 or (+420) 224 005 133 and 224 005 208. The main switchboard numbers at CERGE-EI are (+420) 224 005 153 or (+420) 224 005 212. The fax is (+420) 224 005 225.

## Rules for Use of CERGE-EI Facilities

The physical property of CERGE-EI, such as computers, library facilities, fax machines, telephone lines and so forth are provided in support of the academic purposes of the institution. Students, faculty, and staff are not allowed to use these facilities for other purposes, including (but not limited to) profit-making ventures or self-employment activities, without permission from the Director of Finance and payment of appropriate fees as determined by CERGE-EI.

### Building Pass

The CERGE-EI building is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for people with a magnetic entry card. Every registered student will obtain his/her own magnetic card during orientation. Every holder of his/her own magnetic card must use it whenever entering or leaving the building. Sharing or transferring the card to someone else is not permitted. In the case of a lost card, the student can get a new one for 180 Kč.

If someone has a visitor who wants to enter the building, he/she must sign in the visitor's logbook at the porter's desk. After library closing hours, no visitors (unless escorted by a CERGE-EI employee or student) are allowed to enter the building.

### Computers

Students must register with the Computer Department to receive a username for local network access and email. This will be done for you by the UPCES staff within your first couple of days in Prague. Students must not share their usernames or allow computer access to anyone not associated with CERGE-EI. The laser printers for students are located in Rooms 403 and 404. When using the computers, please observe the following rules:

- no eating
- no drinking
- no smoking
- no manipulation of computer hardware
- no writing on the keyboards
- switch off the lights, computers and printers before you leave
- close any opened windows before you leave
- close the door when you leave

For detailed rules for using the local network see:  
<http://www.cerge-ei.cz/internal/general/facilities/cd/>



**Please note: There is no cost for printing at the PC lab, however you must provide your own paper.**

### Library

The CERGE-EI Library is located on the ground floor of CERGE-EI to the left of the Porter's desk as you enter the building. Library rules and hours are clearly posted. Students may also learn more about the library by browsing its web site, located at: <http://www.cerge-ei.cz/library/> Your entrance card is also used as your Library Card.

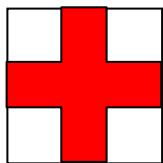
For further information, please contact the Library.

# EMERGENCIES AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

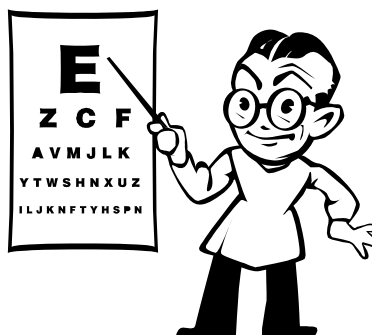
## Emergency Numbers



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## Health Care

### Pharmacy (Lékárna)

- For medicine or basic medical information, we advise going to the LÉKÁRNA (pharmacy). Pharmacists are willing to give advice and able to dispense medication that normally would only be available on a prescription basis in other countries. Not all pharmacists speak English, but generally if you know what you need, you can use the appropriate medical term for the medicine. 24-hour pharmacies can be found in the yellow pages under LÉKÁRNÝ S NEPŘETRŽITOU PHOTOVOSTNÍ SLUŽBOU or below you may find a few recommendations:



### 24 HOURS PHARMACIES

Lékárna 5 Palackého Prague 1 224 946 982	Lékárna 37 Belgická Prague 2 222 519 7 31	Lékárna 6 Štefánikova Prague 5 257 320 918	On-line pharmacy <a href="http://www.medcentrum.com">www.medcentrum.com</a>
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### Medical Centers

- Most western countries have health agreements with the Czech Republic. For this reason, you will generally not have to pay for emergency services. However, be sure to ask about the price before treatment. Private clinics will usually charge a fee for office visits. This is usually 500 Kč. Below you will find a list of medical centers with English speaking staff:



Polyclinic at Národní Private Clinic	Národní 9, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Prague 1	222 075 120 <a href="http://www.poliklinika.narodni.cz">www.poliklinika.narodni.cz</a>	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 5 pm Emergencies: 777 942 270
Unicare Medical Center s.r.o.	Kosaticova 420	Prague 2	235 356 553, <a href="http://www.unicare.cz">www.unicare.cz</a>	24 HOURS



<b>Medicover</b>	<b>Lomnickeho 5</b>	<b>Prague 4</b>	<b>234 630 111</b> <a href="http://www.medicover.cz">www.medicover.cz</a>	<b>24-HOURS</b>
<b>Private Medical Center in Mezibranská</b>	<b>Mezibranská 21</b>	<b>Prague 1</b>	<b>222 211 332</b> <b>222 210 304</b> <a href="mailto:priv.med.cent@post.cz">priv.med.cent@post.cz</a> <a href="http://www.medicalcenter.cz">www.medicalcenter.cz</a>	<b>7am – 8pm</b>
<b>Santé s.r.o.</b>	<b>Pštrossova 24</b>	<b>Prague 1</b>	<b>221 970 711</b> <b>1212 (24 hour)</b> <a href="http://www.sante.cz">www.sante.cz</a>	<b>8am – 6pm</b> <b>24 - HOURS</b>

**(Nemocnice Hospitals )**

<b>Nemocnice Na Františku</b>	<b>Na Františku 847</b>	<b>Prague 1</b>	<b>224 810 502</b> <b>224 810 280 (emergency)</b>
<b>Thomayerova Nemocnice</b>	<b>Videňská 800</b>	<b>Prague 4</b>	<b>261 081 111</b>
<b>Nemocnice Motol</b>	<b>V Úvalu 84</b>	<b>Prague 5</b>	<b>224 431 111</b> <b>224 233 681 (emergency)</b>
<b>Nemocnice Na Homolce</b>	<b>Roentgenova 2</b>	<b>Prague 5</b>	<b>257 272 146 (7.30 – 16)</b> <b>257 272 191 (after hours)</b> <a href="http://www.homolka.cz">www.homolka.cz</a>
<b>Poliklinika Na Národní</b>	<b>Národní 9 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)</b>	<b>Prague 1</b>	<b>222 075 120 (8.30-17)</b> <b>777 942 270 (emergency)</b>
<b>Unicare</b>	<b>Na Dlouhém Lánu 11</b>	<b>Prague 6</b>	<b>235 356 553</b> <b>602 201 040 (emergency)</b>



## Dentists



American Dental Associates	Stará Celnice Building, V Celnici 4/1031	Prague 1	221 181 121 221 181 120 <a href="http://www.americandental.cz">www.americandental.cz</a>
Dental Emergencies (24-hours)	Palackého 5	Prague 1	224 946 981
AV Dental	Sulická 54	Prague 4	224 402 376 774 414 908 <a href="http://www.avdental.cz">www.avdental.cz</a>
Prodental	Paprsková 2	Prague 4	261 711 062 <a href="http://www.prodental.cz/eng.htm">www.prodental.cz/eng.htm</a>
Millenium dental care	Millennium Plaza V Celnici 10	Prague 1	221 033 405 <a href="http://www.mdc.c">www.mdc.c</a>
Prague City Denral	Klimentská 20	Prague 1	221 890 534 <a href="http://www.prague-dental.cz">www.prague-dental.cz</a>

## SAFETY

- Although violent crime occurs less frequently here than in western metropolitan cities, visitors to Prague should take a few simple precautions to protect themselves, especially from pickpocket thieves. Mobile phones are the biggest target.



### Where To Be Careful!

- Common pickpocket areas in Prague include the Charles Bridge (Karlův Most), Wenceslav Square (Václavské náměstí) and Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí), as well as anywhere that crowds gather. Central metro and tram lines, especially crowded trams 9, 22 and 23 have also been cited by police as pickpocketing hot spots. Be especially alert when boarding and getting off the trams and metro trains, and look out for groups of people who are shoving or appear to be having a loud argument or who are trying to distract you from the person snatching your personal property. Do not stand close to the doors on a crowded metro car. Someone standing on the platform can reach in quickly, grab your backpack, purse, etc. as the doors are closing and you are helpless to do anything as the metro pulls away from the station.

Pickpocketing is a crime of opportunity, so don't become an easy target. Don't put your wallet in your back pocket. When carrying a purse, wear it across your chest and have your hand on top. Don't leave bags unattended if you leave your seat. Keep your money and identification in several different places.



### What To Do If You Become A Victim

- Police officers sometimes speak very little English, so if you have trouble communicating with the officer or when calling #158 or #112, you should contact the nearest Police Department to report the crime. Prague is geographically organized into districts and you must report the crime at the police station in the district in

which you were robbed. Prague's police stations are listed in the yellow pages. The central police station is at Benedikská 6, Prague 1 (behind the Kotva department store).

- It is the police officer's responsibility to call an interpreter to help file a report if you don't speak Czech. However, be aware it may take a few hours for the interpreter to arrive. Don't get discouraged and don't give up if nothing appears to be happening. If you need to report stolen money or property, don't let the police officer on duty tell you that you need to go to your embassy. Embassies can help you replace a stolen passport, but do not have the authority to make a report for insurance purposes.

## How To Replace A Stolen Passport

- Replacing a stolen passport is relatively simple and fast; however, it can be quite expensive and tedious if you don't have the necessary documents. Do not carry your passport with you, unless it is needed that day. Make a copy and carry that with you at all times.
- **U.S. CITIZENS:**
  - Bring two 5cm x 5cm passport photos; a valid driver's license or another photo ID. A copy of the lost or stolen passport is also helpful. The fee for replacing a passport costs \$40-\$60 or its equivalent in Czech currency.

For more details, please contact the Embassy directly or view the U.S. Embassy's web-site at: <http://www.usembassy.cz/>

The U.S. Embassy  
Tržiště 15, Prague 1  
Tel.: 257 530 663

Passport Renewal Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm except US and Czech Holidays.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN PRAGUE

- The public transportation system in Prague is excellent and extremely efficient. Within the system, there are 3 metro lines, 26 daily tram routes, 9 trams running after midnight and nearly 300 bus lines throughout the city. Public transportation requires a ticket or a season pass. PLEASE be sure to read the instructions on the tickets so that you are familiar with the procedures and don't receive a fine.

For schedule information, see web-site: <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>



## Metro



- Prague's underground network of trains consists of 3 lines designated by letters A, B, and C with interchange stations at MUZEUM (A<->C), MŮSTEK (A<->B), and FLORENC (B<->C). The system operates daily between the hours of 5am to midnight, with train intervals every 2-3 minutes during peaks on working days and 4-10 minute intervals during off peak times and weekends. On each train, you will find a legend depicting the route and you will hear the stop name over the intercom system as you arrive at each station.

## Trams

- This transportation system is above ground and operates virtually 24 hours a day. Daily operation occurs between 4:30am and 12:15am with night trams running during the remaining hours. The average interval of most tram routes is 8 minutes during the morning and afternoon peaks on working days, and 5-15 minute intervals during off peak times. Night trams operate on 30-minute intervals and are designated by the numbers 51-58. If you are seeking a tram during the night hours, it's best to try and plan your route beforehand as they do not run very frequently. Tram information is located on RED signs at each stop. Each tram stop has a listing of times and stops for each tram. If you master the tram system, you shall master Prague.

## Buses

- The Prague bus schedule is similar to the schedule of trams. The interval of most bus routes is 5-15 minutes during morning and afternoon peaks on workdays and 10-30 minute intervals during off peak times. Night buses operate on 40-minute intervals and are designated by the numbers 501-512.



## Tickets (Basic Information)

- Tickets, valid for all means of transportation, can be purchased from the numerous vending machines at major stops or from some news stands bearing the name "TRAFIKA". The sign "JÍZDENKY NEPRODÁVAME" or "JÍZDENKY NEVEDEME" means they do not sell tickets. There are two types of "SINGLE TICKETS" that you can purchase:
  - **CHANGE TICKET (26 Kč)** – Appropriately named as it allows you to switch between trams, metros and buses. This ticket costs 26Kč and lasts for 75 minutes from the moment the ticket is stamped on working days from 5am to 8pm. During all other times, the ticket is valid for 90 minutes from the moment the ticket is stamped.
  - **NO-CHANGE TICKET (18 Kč)** – This ticket is valid for trams and buses for a period of 15 minutes and does not allow the possibility to change lines. This ticket is not valid for night trams or night buses. In the metro, this ticket is valid for a distance of 4 stations from the station where the ticket was stamped excluding the original station. You may change between lines A, B and C, but for no longer than 30 minutes.

- The period of validity for each ticket begins when the ticket is stamped and expires after the limited time has elapsed. The PASSENGER is obligated to stamp the ticket immediately after entering the vehicle or metro area for the first time. The ticket is to be inserted in the stamping machine in the direction of the arrow on the ticket, with the arrow facing upwards. A falsely stamped ticket is INVALID. When changing routes the ticket is NOT to be stamped for a second time. The time interval for the ticket includes the time needed for changing between transportation vehicles. If the ticket validity time expires during the ride, the passenger is obligated to stamp another ticket.

## Season Tickets

- Students of UPCES will receive a quarterly transportation pass during or before orientation. For your information, the following passes are available: one-day pass (100 Kč), a three-day pass (330 Kč), a weekly pass (500 Kč). Monthly or 30-day passes cost 550 Kč (260 for students). Monthly passes run from the first day of the month and 30-day passes run from the date of purchase. **Students are eligible for a 3-month pass, which costs only 720 Kč** with appropriate documentation from their school. These long-term passes can be purchased at the Main Office of the Prague Transportation Company (Dopravní Podnik hl. m. Prahy-[www.dpp.cz](http://www.dpp.cz)). **This office is located at Na Bojišti 5 in Prague 2, metro station Náměstí Míru** – by entrance to escalators. You will need to bring a photograph and fill in the appropriate form.

## SMS Tickets

**An SMS ticket can only be purchased using a SIM card belonging to Czech operators.**

### SMS Ticket Advantages

- An SMS ticket can be purchased whenever and wherever a mobile phone can be used.
  - The price of an SMS ticket is **CZK 26 (incl.VAT)**; public transport users therefore do not pay even a crown more
- An SMS ticket provides transfer options and is valid **for 90 minutes**

### SMS Ticket Usage Conditions

A client who wishes to purchase an SMA ticket must not have Premium SMS services blocked (these can be activated free of charge by calling your operators assistance service). An SMS ticket can only be purchased using a SIM card belonging to Czech operators.

### SMS Ticket Purchase Procedure

1. on your mobile communications device, write text: DPT
2. send it to the phone number 902 06 26

Within approximately two minutes, an SMS ticket will arrive. This is only an estimate a SMS ticket will appear on the display of the mobile communications device.



## Ticket Inspection (very important)



- Validity of tickets can be checked at anytime on trams, buses or in the metro transportation area by ticket inspectors (Controllers) of the Prague Transportation Company. Ticket inspectors are NOT dressed in uniform, but must carry a yellow or red inspection badge and a photo ID. The inspection badge must have a four-digit inspection number. You can request that the inspection officer show his or her photo ID and the identification number should correspond with the number on the badge. Should you be found without a ticket or with an invalid ticket, the inspector is entitled to assess a fine in the amount of 800 Kč, which can be reduced to 400 Kč when paying the fine on the spot. In addition, the inspector is entitled to give passengers binding instructions and determine the passenger's identity in case of refusal to pay the fine on the spot.

## 24 HOUR TAXIS

- Taxis in Prague are notorious for overcharging. Hailing taxis near the airport, train or bus stations or a hotel can turn out to be very expensive. The following companies all have operators with, at least, a basic understanding of English and should not overcharge you. The starting rate should be about 34 Kč and then 25 Kč /km thereafter.

**AAA Taxi**  
14 0 14



**City Taxi**  
257 257 257

**Halo Taxi**  
244 114 411



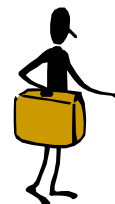
**Profi Taxi**  
844 700 800



## TRAVELLING



### Buses



Florenc Bus Station  <a href="http://www.jizdnirady.cz">www.jizdnirady.cz</a> or <a href="http://www.vlak-bus.cz">www.vlak-bus.cz</a>	Křižíkova 4 Prague 8	900 144 444	5am to 11pm weekly
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Student Agency www.studentagency.cz	Florenc –Křižíkova 4	224 999 666	Mon -Fri 8am – 7pm Sun 1pm-8pm
Vega Tour www.vegatour.cz	Videňská 619 Praha 4	242 447 200	Mon - Fri 8am – 8pm
Capital Express www.capitalexpress.cz	U výstaviště 3 Prague 7	220 870 368 732 158 739 777 570 086	Mon. to Thur. 8:30am - 6pm Fri. 8:30am - 5pm
Eurolines www.eurolines.cz	Křižíkova 2 Praha 8	245 005 245	At Florenc Bus Station Mon-Sun 6 am– 10pm

## Trains



- There are two classes of International trains. The price will vary according to the journey, but you can expect to pay about one third more for first class. Domestic rail services sometimes include stages of the journey via express train, but this will cost more than traveling slowly by local trains. Expect to be asked which direction you want to travel in, because fares are by distance, not by final destination.
- Always make sure to ask which station your train leaves from.
- Information online can be found at <http://idos.datis.cd rail.cz/> or [www.vlak-bus.cz](http://www.vlak-bus.cz)

Čedok Na Příkopě 18 Praha 1 224 197 619 224 197 264	Hlavní Nádraží (Main Station) Wilsonova 80 Prague 2 224 614 071	Masarykovo Nádraží Havličkova Prague 1 224 615 156	Holešovice Partizánska 1504 Prague 7 224 615 890	Czech Railways Travel Agency V Celnici 6 Prague 1 972 211 111 9am to 5pm weekly
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## Airplanes

- **The Airport is located in Prague 6, Ruzyně**
- **Airport Information Service – 220 114 512**
- **GTS International (Low Cost Airtickets, Discounts for Students) – 257 187 100**
- **Major Airlines**



<b>Air Canada</b>	<b>224 810 181</b>	<b>British Midland</b>	<b>224 810 180</b>	<b>Lufthansa</b>	<b>220 114 456</b>
<b>Air France</b>	<b>220 113 737</b> <b>221 662 662</b>	<b>ČSA</b>	<b>239 007 007</b> <b>220 101 111</b>	<b>Swiss Air</b>	<b>234 008 229</b>
<b>Alitalia</b>	<b>220 114 504</b> <b>224 194 160</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>224 946 733</b>	<b>SAS</b>	<b>220 116 031</b>

British Airways	222 114 444 239 000 299	KLM	224 216 906
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### Low Budget airlines:

[www.smartwings.com](http://www.smartwings.com)

[www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)

[www.bluejet.com](http://www.bluejet.com)

[www.thomsonfly.com](http://www.thomsonfly.com)

## MONEY

- The currency of the Czech Republic is the crown (koruna or Kč). One crown is equal to 100 hellers (haléř or h). Coins come in the denominations of 1 Kč, 2 Kč, 5 Kč, 10 Kč, and 20 Kč. Notes come in the denominations of 50 Kč, 100 Kč, 200 Kč, 500 Kč, 1000 Kč, 2000 Kč and 5000 Kč.

## Banking

- Banking in the Czech Republic can be done in several ways and it is ultimately up to the student to decide what is best for him or her during the semester. The most economical way of changing money is to use a debit of cash card at various cash machines throughout the city, where you are certain not to be charged for a service fee. However, to use this service, you will need either a bank account in the U.S. or in the Czech Republic.
- If you decide to use your bank account in the U.S., make sure you have a cash card (not a credit card that allows a cash advance). If you decide to open an account in the Czech Republic, that is also possible, however it is also available at the **Česká Spořitelna Expats Center**. To open an account you will need your passport. Monthly account fee is 390Kč. Other than that, then procedure is simple and the Office of International Academic Programs can assist you.

Česká Spořitelna	City Bank	Komerční Banka	Živnostenská Banka
Rytířská 29, Prague 1 <a href="http://www.csas.cz">www.csas.cz</a>	Revoluční 6, Praha 1 <a href="http://www.csob.cz">www.csob.cz</a>	Staroměstské Náměstí 24, Prague 1 <a href="http://www.koba.cz">www.koba.cz</a>	Na Příkopě 20, Prague 1 <a href="http://www.zivnobanka.cz">www.zivnobanka.cz</a>

## Currency Exchange

- If you bring cash with you to the Czech Republic, you have many options where to change it; however, we advise you to be careful because some places charge high percentages. If you have cash that you need to



exchange, the major banks generally charge the lowest commission. In addition, the following table provides other reasonable options.

American Express	Václavské náměstí 56, Prague 1	224 219 978	9am – 7pm
	Staroměstské náměstí 5, Prague 1	224 818 388	9am – 7:30pm
	Celetná 17, Prague 1	224 818 205	8:30am – 7:15pm
Travelex	Národní 28, Prague 1	221 105 371	9am – 7pm 9am – 6pm Saturday 10am – 6pm Sunday
Western Union	Václavské náměstí 15, Prague 1	224 222 954 224 222 937	Mon – Fri 8am – 8pm

**TIP** The most economical way of changing money is to use a debit or cash card at the various cash machines found throughout the city on the Cirrus and Plus network. Caution: Be sure not to confuse a debit card withdraw with a credit card withdraw (or cash advance); they are different and you could be paying high fees for cash advances. Always check with your bank!

## Lost or Stolen Credit Cards

- If you lose your credit card(s) or if it is stolen, contact your credit card provider immediately.

American Express: 222 800 111



Visa: Must call USA



Eurocard/Mastercard: Must call USA



## POSTAL SERVICE INFORMATION

The Postal Service system in Prague can often times be confusing and frustrating, especially for visitors who are unfamiliar with the system. Our best advice is to be patient and to allow extra time to wait.

Each post office is slightly different, but they all use a similar office procedure. Most likely, there will be a line of people waiting for various services. The first thing that must be done is to determine which window is the proper one to take care of your request. The easiest post office for orientation is the Main Post Office, which describes the various services in English.



Main Post Office	Jindřišská 14 Prague 1	221 131 111	7am – 8pm Closed Sat. & Sun.
Post Office	Hybernská 15 Prague 1	224 219 714	12:30am – 11:30pm “nonstop”
Post Office	Kaprova 12 Prague 1	224 811 587	8am – 7pm Closed Sat. & Sun.
Post Office	Újezd 15 Prague 5	257 322 795	8am – 6pm Closed Sat. & Sun.

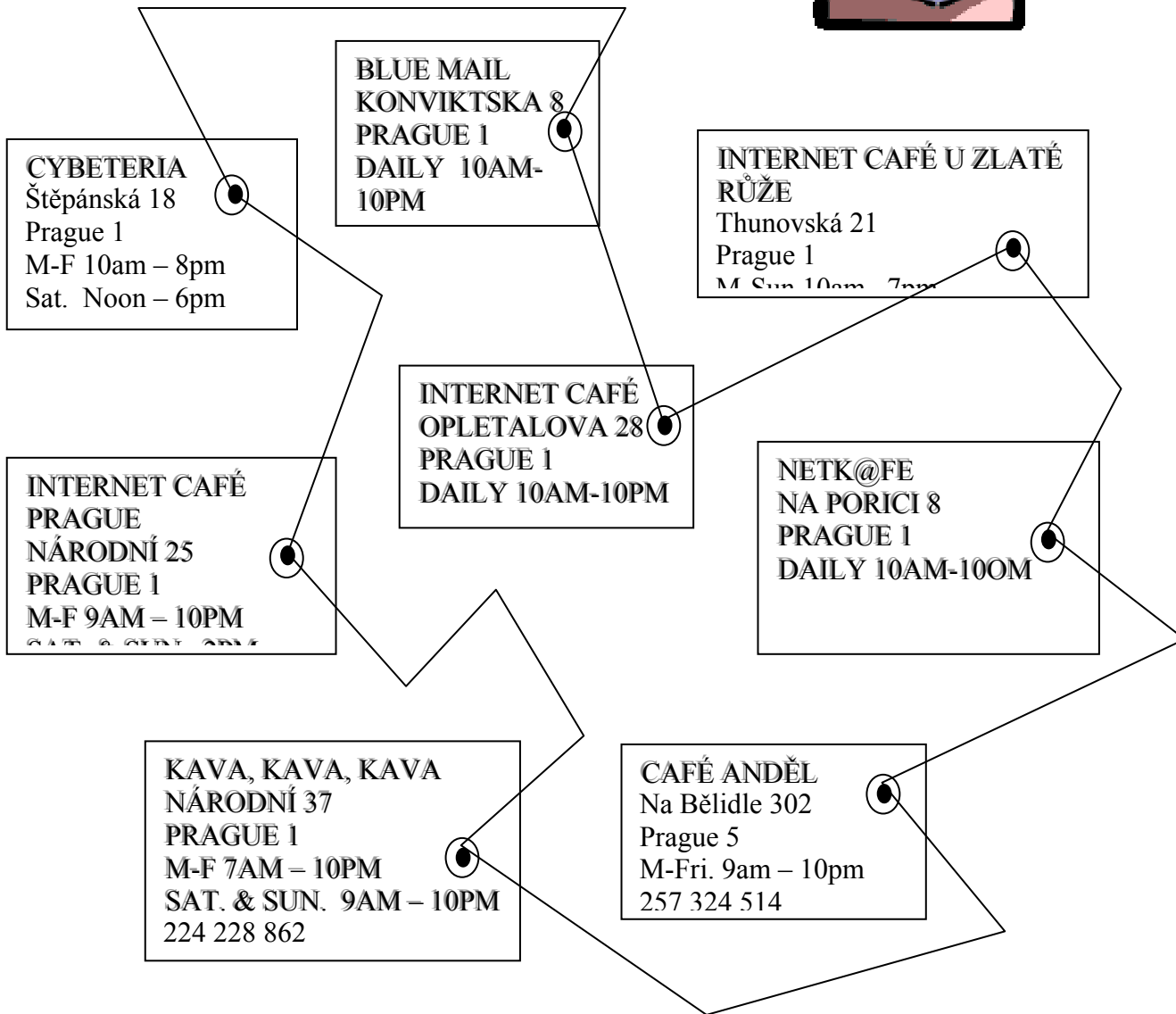
## **Postal Rates**

- **Post Cards and Letters up to 20g**
  - **Czech Republic**                   – 10 -12 Kč
  - **European Union**                 –17 Kč
  - **United States**                   –18 Kč

For more info go to: [http://www.cpost.cz/jetspeed/?js\\_language=en](http://www.cpost.cz/jetspeed/?js_language=en)

**TIP:** Postage stamps, pay-phone cards and public transportation tickets can also be purchased at TABÁK (newsstands and tobacco shops).

# INTERNET CAFES AND BARS



For more options go to <http://www.wifi-in.cz/>

## COFFEE?

This “coffee house” segment of our guide was compiled by one of our own, Andreas Ortmann, CERGE-EI Faculty. Thank you!

**Andreas says.....** After I secured my monthly Metro pass, moved into my crash-pad, and got all of the visa, residence, and working permit paperwork half-way done (Kafka is alive and well!), the real problem started:



Where to get a coffee that actually deserves its name? Plus, what café or coffeehouse can you sit in comfortably and read, write, watch people, and/or chat? Below are the results of my research so far.

*Acknowledgment:* I’m deeply indebted to my esteemed colleague Prof. Dr. h.c. mult. kava A. Weber -- a world-renowned expert in Viennese cafes and coffeehouses -- for her diligent pre-testing of many of the locations reviewed below. I do take responsibility for all errors in judgement. *Favorites (in approximate order of preference):*

- **Break Café**

Štěpánská 32, Praha 1

Great caffè latte, crispy croissants, excellent cheesecake, tasty sandwiches and salads. Very friendly service. My favorite café in good old Praha right now.

- **Ebel Coffee House ([www.ebelcoffee.cz](http://www.ebelcoffee.cz))**

Týn 2/640, Praha 1

Close runner-up. Excellent caffè latte, good cheesecake, great continental breakfast (with jumbo latte, bagel, orange marmelade, cream cheese, yogurt and granola, and juice). The early bird breakfast is a good deal, too. Friendly service. Nice ambiance including often great music. That’s where I heard both the Balanescu Quartet and Tockolotoc the first time. Both are still in heavy rotation on my disc-player.

- **Café Ebel**

Řetězová 9, Praha 1

Karprová 11, Praha 1

Templová 7, Praha 1

Chilená 2B, Praha 1

- **Kava Kava Kava**

Národní 37, Praha 1

You find Kava Kava Kava mentioned in every guide and, yes, sometimes the caffè latte is the best in town (thick, creamy, etc.). Unfortunately, too often it is just plain bad. Plus, too often the service is poor. And then not even the peaceful ambience can make up for it (which has also suffered recently after a pizzeria set up shop on the other side of the courtyard). So, on good days ... it’s well worth visiting; on bad days ... keep away. I haven’t yet figured out what day is what. So, for the time being I don’t go there that often any more. Tel: 224 228 862

- ***Tynska Literarni Kavarna***

Týnska 6, Praha 1

An interesting little place close to the Ebel Coffeehouse. You can sit outside in a peaceful oasis that is delineated by walls and houses. Coffee is quite good (and cheap - show me the place in Prague where you can get a decent café au lait for a mere 25 Kč?). The service is reasonably friendly. Tel: 224 827 807

- ***Café Montmartre***

Řetězová 7, Praha 1

No café latte here but a pretty good café au lait. As a matter of fact, easily the best café au lait in town as far as I'm concerned. Eatable offerings are a bit weak but then it's the Café Montmartre, not the Restaurant M. *Ethno Café*, Husova 10, Praha 1. In principle a place with potential. It's fun sitting outside or in the window places and see tourists file by. But the caffè latte I had was meager and the place is just too touristy and noisy. (It's interesting to see how the Montmartre, its name notwithstanding, is quite the opposite. Hundred meters off the main tourist trek can make a hell of a difference in Prague.)

- ***Café Louvre***

Národní 20, Prague 1

Quite a view: a long, spacious room, with two smaller ones attached. The Prague Post writer called it cheerful, and come to think of it, that's is an apt descriptor. Now, if only the wait personnel would consistently have such attitude. Anyway, walking up the stairs to the second floor where the Café Louvre is located, you wouldn't expect such a place. Food is fine but nothing special. Dito for the coffee. The kind of place where you can take you mom, or even your significant other. Sneak preview: [www.kavarny.cz/louvre](http://www.kavarny.cz/louvre). Tel: 224 930 949.



- ***Kavarna Rudolfinum***

Alšovo nám. 12, Prague 1 (náměstí Jana Palacha)

What a waste. This café is located in the Rudolfinum concert hall and next to the Rudolfinum art gallery. A spacious room with high ceilings and simple, somewhat worn-down elegance, this place has a lot of potential. Unfortunately, not much variety is offered. And what little there is, must have been three days old (the sandwiches were soggy, the chocolate cake was dry) the last time I was there. The coffee was fine although my concept of a café au lait is not a cup of coffee with milk in a little plastic container. Way to go, folks.

Tel: 224 893 317

- ***Kavarna Imperial***

Na poříčí, Praha 3

Spectacular interior: imperial tiling indeed. Coffee and latte are pretty good; Latte Macchiato and Eis Cappucino are excellent. Service used to be good but has become spotty and obnoxious (with the occasional waiter charging you generously for that bread and butter you never ordered, or even the item you never ordered, etc.). You still get, occasionally, a free donut, staler though than in the past. Diverse crowd.

- ***Malostranská Kavarna***

Malostranské nám. 5, Praha 1

A place with history (“Once a regular haunt of Franz Kafka and other literary types ...” says my AVANTGUIDE PRAGUE). Nice interior and good atmosphere. Good coffee, good cake, good service. Nothing special but fine.

- ***Lucerna café-bar***

In the Lucerna passage, opposite Jarmark, Praha 1

Nothing special but a good coffee can be had. And it’s a good place to work in the morning or early afternoon. Don’t go there later in the afternoon. Too crowded.

- ***Java Kava***

Kralodvorská 11, Praha 1

Just opened, behind the Café du Pariz. Designed as stylish fast-food place for kava lovers, with three tables to sit at. Not the kind of place where you can sit and work though. But maybe good for a quick coffee to take out. The coffee is o.k. The food does not look inviting, so I didn’t try. Bonus points for the T.S. Eliot quote at the entrance: “I have measured out my life with coffee spoons.”



- ***U sv. Vojtěcha***

Vojtěšská 14, Praha 1

A couple of streets behind the National Theater. Decent coffee. Simple interior. Friendly service. Mostly frequented by locals.

Nothing special but if you are nearby, you might as well drop by. *Much to do about little (places I don't like):*

- ***Obecní Dům Kavarna***

nám. Republiky 5, Praha 1

Spectacular interior. Apparently recently renovated in great style. It's a view to be seen. And a place to be seen.

***Café Europa***

Václavské nám. 25, Praha 1

Its location should warn you right away. The interior is quite a view (although that may depend on the expectations that you have after having read about it in a Prague guide). The place though is run-down, the coffee is not impressive, and the service ... well. Nuff said.

- ***Café Slavia***

Národní třída 1, Praha 1

A historic place. Plus a nice view if you sit in the right spot. Forget about the rest. [The otherwise often reliable AVANTGUIDE PRAGUE says: "Once known as a dissidents' café, Slavia is so closely linked with the Velvet Revolutionaries that its recent reconstruction was an important political event. The café's late-1997 re-opening ... made international news. Situated on a window-wrapped corner, across from the National Theater, the new Slavia is once again a great place to waste time, linger over coffee, juice or tea and enjoy a light meal. ... ]" I warned you.



# TELEPHONE CALLS



- All telephone numbers in Prague have 9 digits. You can make calls from any public or private phone to anywhere in the world.
- Most payphones in Prague require a phone card. Insert the phone card into the slot at the bottom of the phone with the metal square facing up and closest to the phone, then wait for the message screen to show how many credits you have. Then dial the number.

## **Local Calls**

- To call a Prague number, simply dial the 9 digit number.

## **National Calls**

- To call another city in the Czech Republic, dial 0, the appropriate area code and then the number.

## **International Calls**

- To call abroad, dial the international access code 00, the country code, city code and then the number. Calling via the Internet or with a prepaid card allows for incredible savings.

## **Calling From Abroad**

- To call a number in Prague, dial your international access code followed by the Czech Country Code (420), and the number. To call Czech mobile phones from abroad dial the country code (420) and the ten-digit mobile phone number dropping the initial zero.

## **Telephone Rates**

- All calls are priced per impulse, the difference is in the length of each impulse. For local calls, each impulse lasts 2 min (1,60 Kč – peak; 0,80 Kč – off peak). For long distance calls (3,90 Kč – peak; 1,90 Kč – off peak) and calling on the mobile phone (7,40 Kč) is the impulse 1 min. The impulse for international calls is also 1 min (5,90 Kč).
  - Off Peak – 7pm to 7am during the week and 24hrs on weekends and Holidays.
  - Peak – 7am to 7pm during the week except Holidays.

**There are 3 Mobile (cell ) phone Operators in the Czech Republic.**

**O2**

**T-Mobile**

**Vodafone**

Rates with Vodafone: Calling the US Landline is **11,31 Kč** a minute



## **Calling Home**



- There are countless telephone companies offering calls via the Internet (NetCall 55) or with pre-paid calling cards, which allow for cheaper calls to selected countries. According the chart, the Smartcall card seems to be the most economical. Pre-Paid cards are sold in most TABÁK stores and selected shops.

### **I-Call (T-Mobile)**

- You can use this service if you have a cell phone with Twist Card. Than you dial 1042 + number you call.

### **Karta X (O2)**

- The pre-paid cards can be bought in most TABÁK locations in the city for 300 Kč, 500 Kč, or 1000 Kč.

### **Smartcall ([www.smartcall.cz](http://www.smartcall.cz))**

- Pre-paid phone card worth 150, 300, 500 Kč or 1000 Kč. Calling during off-peak hours is slightly cheaper for certain countries.
- There are also direct lines to AT&T and other telephone company operators. These calls can also be used to place collect or credit-card calls.

<b>AT&amp;T DIRECT USA</b>	<b>00-800-222 552 88</b>
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## **DRY CLEANERS**



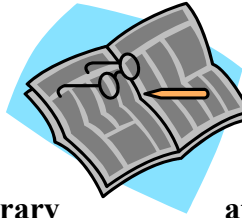
- In case you need laundromat or dry cleaning services, here are a few listings of the most popular self and full service laundromats in Prague:

<b>Astera</b>	<b>Jindřišská 5 Prague 1</b>	<b>224 215 536</b>	<b>Mon. – Fri. 7am to 7pm Sat. 8am to Noon</b>
	<b>Charvátova 3 Prague 1</b>	<b>224 948 812</b>	<b>Mon. – Fri. 7am to 7pm Sat. 8am to Noon</b>
<b>Laundry</b> <a href="http://www.laundryland.cz">www.laundryland.cz</a> Self and full services, Laundromats, dry cleaning, and alteration service.	<b>Na Příkopě 12 Prague 1</b>	<b>221 014 632</b>	<b>Mon. – Fri. 9am to 8pm Sat. 9am to 7pm Sun. 9am to 7pm</b>
	<b>Vinohradská 50 Prague 2</b>	<b>224 253 117</b>	<b>Mon. – Fri. 9:30am to 9pm Sat. 12am to 8pm</b>
	<b>Londýnská 71 Prague 2</b>	<b>222 516 692</b>	<b>8am to 10pm weekly</b>
<b>Golden Clean</b> <a href="http://www.goldenclean.cz">www.goldenclean.cz</a> Pick-up Delivery service: dry cleaning, laundry, alteration and shoe repair.	<b>Over 90 shops throughout the city.</b>	<b>241 731 994 603 445 305</b>	

# BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS

## **Libraries**

There are many libraries to visit in Prague besides your library at CERGE-EI and the School of Humanities. Most of these libraries have web-sites where you can find hours of operation and on-line catalogues. Although these libraries often function in Czech, you should be able to find assistance with what you are looking for.



### Národní knihovna v Praze The National Library in Prague

Klementinum 190, Praha 1, 110 01  
Tel.: 221 663 111  
Open: Mo – Sa 9am – 7pm

### Knihovna společenských věd T. G. Masaryka v Jinonicích

**The T.G. Masaryk Common Library of Sciences in Jinonice**  
U kříže 8, Praha 5 – Jinonice, 158 10  
Tel.: 251 080 255  
Mo – Fri 8.30am – 7pm

### Státní technická knihovna The State Technical Library

Mariánské náměstí 5, Praha 1  
Tel.: 221 663 111  
Open: Mo - Fri 8am – 8pm  
Sa 10am – 5pm



### Knihovna Akademie věd České republiky The Library of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Národní 3, Praha 1, 115 22  
Tel: 221 403 111, 224 240 611  
Open: Mo – Fri 9am – 7pm

### Městská Knihovna Municipal Library

Mariánské Náměstí, Prague 1  
Tel.: 222 113 555  
Open: Mo - Fri 9am – 8pm  
S 10 am – 5 pm

### Ústav pro sociologii a filozofii

### Library of the Institute for Sociology and Philosophy

Jilská 1, Praha 1, 110 00  
Tel.: 222 220 099

### Vysoká škola ekonomická Library of the School of Economics

Náměstí Winstona Churchilla 4, Praha 3  
Tel.: 224 224 565  
Open: M 9am – 9pm  
Tue – Thu 8am – 9pm  
Fri 8am – 6pm

### Knihovna právnické fakulty Univerzity Karlovy The Library of Law Faculty of Charles University

Náměstí Curieových 7, Praha 1  
Tel.: 222 311 374  
Open: Mo – Fri 9am – 8pm  
Sa 9am – 4pm

**Knihovna ministerstva financí**  
**The Library of the Ministry of Finance**

Letenská, Praha 1  
Tel.: 257 042 588

Open: Mo,W 8.30 am – noon  
1pm – 4pm

**Knihovna fakulty sociálních věd**  
**The Library of Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University**

Smetanovo nábřeží 6, Praha 1

Tel.: 222 112 250, 222 112 331  
Open: Mo 10am – noon, 1 -7.30pm  
Tue – Thu 7am-7pm Fri 9am – 3pm

**Knihovna ústavu mezinárodních vztahů**  
**The Library of the Institute of International Relations**

Nerudova 3, Praha 1  
Malá Strana, 118 50  
Tel.: 251 108 405

**Knihovna informačního centra Evropské Unie**  
**The Library of the European Union Information Centre**

Rytířská 31, Praha 1, 110 00  
Tel.: 221 610 142

Open: Mo noon – 4pm  
Tue, Thu 10am – 4pm  
W 10am – 6pm  
Fri 10am – 2pm

**American Embassy Commercial Library**

Tržiště 15, Praha 1

Tel.: 257 530 663

Open: Mo, W, Fri 9–13, Tue, Thu 9–16

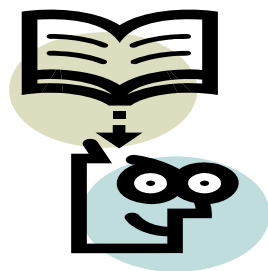
**The British Council Library**

Bredovský dvůr

Politických vězňů 13, Prague 1

Tel.: 221 991 111

Open: Mo – Thurs 8 – 8, Fri 8-5, Sat 8:30 - 1



 **Newspapers**

- People interested in up-to-date information about world events can choose from some of the following newspapers:
  - MLADÁ FRONTA DNES (in Czech)
  - LIDOVÉ NOVINY (in Czech)
  - HOSPODÁŘSKÉ NOVINY (in Czech)

- **PRÁVO** (in Czech - once the official newspaper of the Communist Party)
- **RESPEKT** (in Czech - weekly paper, on –line English version [www.respekt.cz](http://www.respekt.cz) )
- **THE PRAGUE POST** (in English – weekly paper published each Wednesday)  
<http://www.praguepost.com/>
- **PRAGUE MONITOR** (in English – daily translated articles from various Czech press into English) [www.praguemonitor.cz](http://www.praguemonitor.cz)

## **Bookstores**

- Prague has many wonderful bookstores. Each store stocks at least a limited selection of English texts and guide books.

<b>Academia</b> Educational texts, language books, maps and guides. Café upstairs.	Václavské Náměstí 34 Prague 1	224 223 511	Mon. - Fri. 9am – 8pm Sat. 10am – 7pm Sun. 10am – 6pm
<b>Palác knihy NEOLUXOR</b>	Václavské náměstí 41 Prague 1	221 111 370	<a href="http://www.neoluxor.cz">www.neoluxor.cz</a> Po-Pá 8am -8pm So 9am-7pm Ne 10am -7pm
<b>Anagram Bookshop</b> English books plus wide selection of art and non-fiction books.	Týn 4, Praha 1	224 895 737	<a href="http://www.anagram.cz">www.anagram.cz</a>
<b>Big Ben Bookshop</b> English bookshop: fiction, guides, non-fiction, sci-fi, newspapers.	Malá Štupartská 5, Prague 1	224 826 565	Mon. - Fri. 9am – 6.30pm Sat. 10am – 5pm Sun. 12am - 5pm <a href="http://www.bigbenbookshop.com">www.bigbenbookshop.com</a>
<b>The Globe Bookstore</b> English books and magazines, Internet access, Café and restaurant.	Pštrossova 6 Prague 1	224 934 203	10am – 12pm weekly
<b>Kanzelsberger</b> Bookworm heaven: four floors of fiction and non-fiction and helpful staff.	Václavské Náměstí 4 Prague 1	224 219 214	9am – 8pm weekly
<b>Karolinum</b> Mostly stocking University texts and historical books.	Celetná 18 Prague 1	224 491 448	Mon. - Fri. 9am – 7pm Sat. & Sun. 11am – 5pm
<b>Krakatit Bookstore</b> Comic books, mail order for foreign books, audio, video, etc. Internet – fast and friendly.	Jungmannova 14, Prague 1	224 946 638	Mon. - Fri. 10.30am – 7pm
<b>Na Můstku</b> Books, maps and guides.	Na Příkopě 3 Prague 1	224 216 383	Mon. - Fri., 8:30am – 8pm Sat. & Sun., 9:30am - 6pm

## SHOPPING

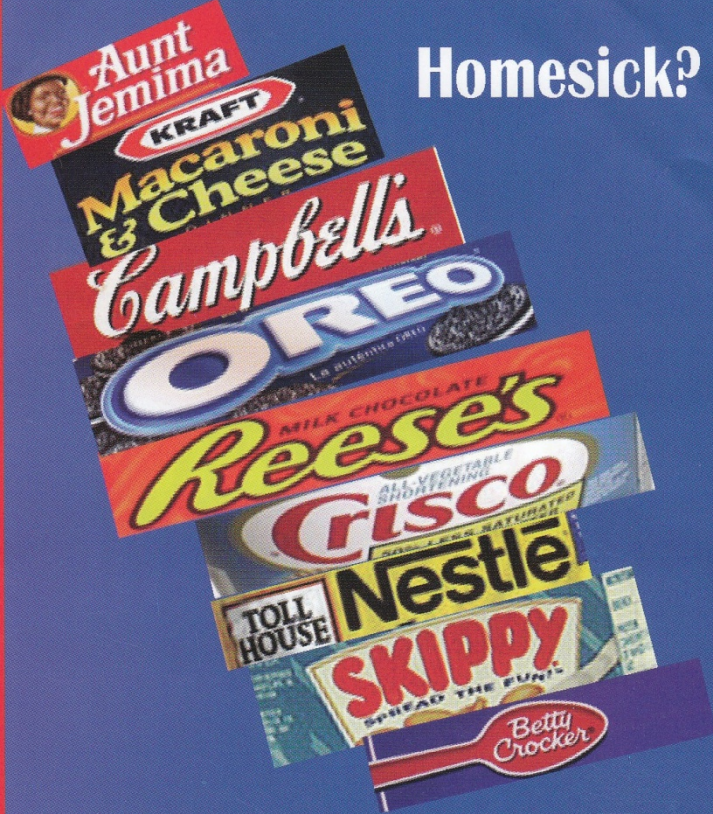
- When you need to buy something, the easiest solution is to go to one of Prague's department stores. The largest department stores in central Prague are the following:



<b>PALLADIUM</b>	nám. Republiky 1078/1 110 00 Praha-Nové Město	225 770 250	Mon. to Fri 9:00 - 22:00 <a href="http://www.palladiumpraha.cz">www.palladiumpraha.cz</a>
<b>NOVÝ SMÍCHOV</b>	Nový Smíchov Plzeňská 8 - 150 00 Prague 5	251 511 151	<a href="http://www.novysmichov.eu/">http://www.novysmichov.eu/</a> Mon - Thr from 9.30am - 1.00 am. Fri & Sat from 9.30am - 2.00am. Sun from 9.30am - 1.00 am.
<b>Centrum Chodov</b>	Roztylská 19 Prague 4	272 173 600	Mon -Sun 9am-9pm <a href="http://www.centrumchodov.cz">www.centrumchodov.cz</a>
<b>Palác Flora</b>	Vinohradská 151 130 00 Praha 3	255 741 700	Mon -Sat 9am-9:00pm Sun 10am - 9pm <a href="http://www.palacflora.cz/">http://www.palacflora.cz/</a>
<b>Kotva</b>	Náměstí Republiky 8 Prague 1	224 801 111 224 801 438	Mon. to Fri. 9am - 8pm Sat. 10am - 7pm Sun. 10am - 6pm
<b>Tesco/My</b>	Národní Třída 26 Prague 1	222 003 111	Mon. to Fri. 8am - 9pm Sat. 9am - 8pm Sun. 10am - 7pm
	Skandinávská 25, Prague 5 *	251 090 111	Open 24hrs
	Veselská 63, Prague 9	284 014 200	Open 24hrs
<b>DBK Praha</b>	Budějovická 64, Prague 4	296 825 111	Weekly 8am - 8pm <a href="http://www.dbkpraha.cz">www.dbkpraha.cz</a>

\* This particular TESCO is open 24 hours/day and it is located in a shopping center with other convenient stores, such as IKEA and Bata (a large shoe store). There are also other stores for electronics and sports. It very accessible and takes approximately 30 min. from Národní Třída, taking the metro B line. Take the B line to Zličín, the last stop and then take the complimentary bus to the shopping center. The bus is just outside the exit and leaves the station every 5-10 minutes.

Homesick?



International House of Groceries

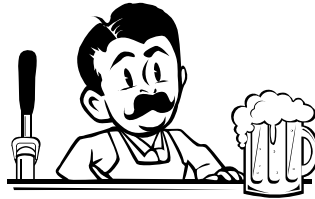
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## EATING OUT

- Since Prague has become a popular tourist center, it offers many dining possibilities for both lunch and dinner. Here are a few places where you can get a relatively cheap and good meal. All of the places listed below are in the center of Prague.



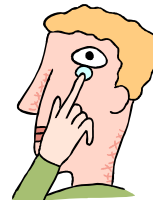
**Andel Restaurace**, Nádražní 114, Praha 5  
**Apetit**, Dlouhá 23, Praha 1  
**Bistro U Bakaláře**, Celetná 13 Praha 1  
**Bohemian Bagel**, Újezd 16 or Masna 2, Praha 1  
**Café Archa**, Na Poříčí 26, Praha 1  
**Country Life**, Jungmannova 1, Praha 1  
**Country Life**, Melantrichova 15, Praha 1  
**Govinda (vegetarian)**, Soukenická 27, Praha 1  
**Grill Bar U Rumpálu**, Školská 14, Praha 1  
**Jáma**, V Jámě 7, Praha 1  
**Joe's Bar**, Malostranské Náměstí, Praha 1  
**Jaramark, Dům "U Nováků"**, Vodičková 30, Praha 1  
**Kavárna Medůza**, Belgická 17, Praha 2  
**Kavárna UPM**, Listopadu 2, Praha 1  
**Kavárna Velryba**, Opatovická 24, Praha 1

**Malostranska Pivnice**, Cihelná 3, Praha 1  
**Maly Buddha**, Úvoz 46, Praha 1  
**Merlin**, Bělehradská 68a, Praha 2  
**Mikulka's Pizzeria**, Benediktská 16, Praha 1  
**Mikulka's Pizzeria**, Dlouhá 8, Praha 1  
**Pivnice U Pivrnce**, Maiselova 3, Praha 1  
**Pivnice Radegast**, Templová 2, Praha 1  
**Pivovarský Dům**, Lipová 15, Praha 2  
**Pizza Coloseum**, Vodičkova 32, Praha 1  
**Pizza Coloseum**, Ovocný Trch 8, Praha 1  
**Pizza Hut**, Celetná 10, Praha 1  
**Pizzeria Donna**, Veleslavínova 10, Praha 1  
**Pizzeria Kmotra**, V Jirchářích 12, Praha 1  
**U Fleku**, Křemencova 11, Praha 1  
**U Vejvodu**, Jilská 4, Praha 1  
**Vinárna U Kapra**, Žatecká 7, Praha 1  
**XXX**, Senovážné nám. 2, Praha 1

**TIP** For a restaurant guide, see *The Gurman* at: <http://www.gurman.cz/>

## SIGHTSEEING

- There are so many things to see in Prague that this list could be endless. However, if you would like to visit the "must see" places, here is a brief guide:



### The Classics

- **Charles Bridge (Karlův Most) – Prague 1**

- The Charles Bridge (Karlův Most) joins Old Town (Staré Město) and the Lesser Town (Malá Strana). It is one of the world's most beautiful bridges, and has survived over 600 years of turbulent city life. The stone bridge was built in 1357 and replaced the earlier Judith Bridge that was destroyed in a flood in 1342. The figures lining the bridge were added in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and they symbolize the confidence of the Catholic's (Austrian) triumph over the Protestants (Hussites).
- **The Old Town Square (Staroměstské Náměstí) – Prague 1**
  - For centuries, the beautiful Old Town Square (Staroměstské Náměstí), edged by an astonishing collection of baroque and medieval structures, has always been the natural place for people visiting Prague to gravitate. This was the medieval town's main market place and the center stage for action in the city. Criminals were executed here, martyrs were burned at the stake and in 1948 crowds gathered to greet the announcement of the Communist takeover. Towering above the square is the Týn Church, slightly hidden by a row of houses. You will also surely notice the memorial to Jan Hus (Pomník Jana Husa) which is the centerpiece of the square and also one of the city's great symbols.
- **The Town Hall Astronomical Clock – Prague 1**
  - The Astronomical Clock is located in the Old Town Square (Staroměstské Náměstí). It was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and every hour on the hour, you can see the clock doors open and figures of Death, the Turk, the Miser, the Fool and the Rooster are displayed for all to see and admire. The clock shows the movement of the sun and moon through the twelve signs of the zodiac as well as giving the time in three different formats: Central European Time, Old Czech Time (in which the 24 hour day is reckoned around the setting of the sun) and Babylonian time.
- **Golden Lane (Zlatá Ulička) – Prague 1**
  - Coming down the hill from the Castle, you come to one of Prague's most popular streets. The tiny multi-colored cottages lining the street cling to the castle's northern walls that were constructed by the poor in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Some say the name is a reference to the alchemists of King Rudolf's time, who supposedly lived here. Others contend that it alludes to a time when soldiers from a nearby tower used the lane as a public urinal. The name, however, probably dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the city's goldsmiths worked here. Franz Kafka's sister owned the house at #22, and he is known to have spent time there gathering inspiration for his novel, The Castle.
- **Municipal House (Obecní Dům) – Prague 1**
  - Many of the leading artists of the day were responsible for the construction of the Municipal House (Obecní Dům), a masterpiece of stained glass, tiled murals, and mosaics. It was here in 1918 when the independent state of Czechoslovakia was signed into existence. It was also here in 1989 when discussions took place between the Communists and revolution leaders to transform the state into a democracy. After its renovations in 1998, it is again possible to attend concerts in Smetana Hall and also see other amazing rooms like the Lord Mayor's Salon. The Lord Mayor's Salon is particularly special as it is covered with murals from Alfons Mucha depicting heroes of Czech history. Open 7:30am – 11pm.
- **Museum of National Literature (Strahovská Knihovna) – Prague 1**
  - This building has all of the major Czech works that were salvaged from the war. It is a great place to get some peace and quiet as well as experience an amazing view down through the



Petřín park to the river. Don't forget to look up and gaze at the amazing ceilings! Open: Tue, Thu 9am - 4pm and Fri 1 – 4pm.

- **Wenceslas Square (Václavské Náměstí) – Prague 1**

- Wenceslas Square (Václavské Náměstí), once known as the Horse Market, is the heart of Prague. Inevitably you will find yourself crossing through it many times during your stay in Prague; especially being at CERGE-EI. This is the famous place where thousands gathered in November 1989 to demonstrate against Communism, known as the Velvet Revolution. On the upper slope of the square you will find the Národní Museum and the statue of St. Wenceslas. As you travel towards the bottom of the long square you will surely find rows of shops, hotels and also tourists (especially during the summer season).

- **Trade Fair Palace (Veletržni Palác) – Prague 7**

- This tremendous gallery is located on Dukelských Hrdinů, at #47, and is definitely worth visiting. The museum houses a permanent exhibition of all the major Czech modern art from 1900. Open 10am to 6pm and closed on Monday.

- **Vyšehrad – Prague 2**

- This is home to the second castle in Prague and is also where many of the Prague myths and legends were born. Literally translated, the name means high castle and evidence suggests that it was founded during the first half of the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Over the centuries, kings have remodeled the fortress and the palace, but eventually moved their permanent address to the castle across the river. Also nearby you will find the Vyšehrad Cemetery (Vyšehradský Hřbitov), which houses the burial places of many famous artists, composers, and writers. Open 9:30am to 5pm.

## **Prague Castle**

- **The castle and its surrounding area, the Hradčany district, are Prague's biggest tourist attraction. The castle gates are open and invite midnight strolls as well as early morning visits (which are strongly recommended if you want to escape the tourists). The Castle grounds demand lengthy walks, but fortunately you can find many rest options along the way for your screaming feet.**

- **Prague Castle (Pražský Hrad)**

- Founded sometime around 870, the extraordinary collection of buildings that make up the Castle include a palace, three churches and a monastery. This is a must see place, and unfortunately everyone is thinking the same thing. The best times are early in the morning or late in the day. Without a doubt, you should see the Castle at midnight at least once during your visit for a magical sensation of peace and serenity. There is no charge to enter the Castle ground, but you will need a ticket to see the main attractions (Old Royal Palace, the Basilica of St. George, the Powder Tower and the choir, crypt and tower of St. Vitus's Cathedral).

- **Hradčany Square (Hradčanské Náměstí)**

- Here you will find one of the most beautiful squares in the city, lined with palaces built by the Catholic aristocracy. You can also capture one of Prague's most picturesque views of Malá Strana, the Strahov Gardens and Petřín Hill.

- **Schwarzenberg Palace (Schwarzenberský Palác)**

- Schwarzenberg Palace (Schwarzenberský Palác) is one of the largest and most distinctive Renaissance buildings in Prague. The palace was built between the years 1545 - 1563 and it now contains the Military Museum, which holds a comprehensive collection of killing instruments.

- **Archbishops's Palace (Arcibiskupský Palác)**

- On the north side of the Hradčany Square (Hradčanské Náměstí) you will find the 16<sup>th</sup> century palace. Out front you will be able to tell the archbishop from the other bishops by his green hat containing ten tassels instead of five. You can enter the palace only on Mondays and Tuesdays, but once inside you will find an amazing baroque interior.

- **Sternberg Palace (Šternberský Palác)**

- The Sternberg Palace (Šternberský Palác) houses part of the National Gallery's collection of European Art. You will find the entrance in the same place as the Archbishops's Palace (Arcibiskupský Palác). Open Tue – Sun 10am to 6pm

- **First Courtyard (První Nádvoří)**

- Finding this grand entrance to the castle off Hradčany Square (Hradčanské Náměstí) is easy. Just look for the huge sculptures of battling titans at the gateway. The changing of the guard takes place in this courtyard hourly between 5am and 10pm with a special ceremony at noon. The area of the castle that you see here holds the presidential rooms, which are unfortunately rarely open to the public.

- **Second Courtyard (Druhé Nádvoří)**

- To find the second courtyard, head through the Matthias Gate (Matyášova Brána) topped by a German Imperial Eagle. This courtyard acts as an intersection point for the two entrances into the castle. The stairs on your left lead to the gold and white Spanish Hall (Španělský Sál), which was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century for court ceremonies. Now it is only open to the public for occasional concerts.

- **Third Courtyard (Třetí Nádvoří)**

- The main attraction in the Third Courtyard (Třetí Nádvoří) is the St. Vitus Cathedral. You will also find an information center and a monument dedicated to the dead of World War I. In the information center you can find free maps and helpful assistant with answers to your questions.

- **St. Vitus Cathedral (Katedrála Svatého Víta)**

- In the Third Courtyard (Třetí Nádvoří) of the Castle sits the oldest and most important site of the Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral (Katedrála Svatého Víta). The cathedral is the spiritual center of the Czech Republic and dominates the courtyard with its looming towers, pinnacles and buttresses. The structure was completed in 1929, exactly 1000 years after St. Wenceslas (Svatý Václav) was buried on the site. Your ticket for the Cathedral allows you into most parts, including the royal

- crypt, but you will have to purchase an extra ticket to climb the 287 steps to the top of the tower. Be aware that this is a very popular place, and undoubtedly there will be crowds. Open 9am to 4pm.

- **The Last Judgement**

- After your stroll through the St. Vitus Cathedral (Katedrála Svatého Víta) be sure to see the mosaic depicting the Last Judgement of Christ on the exterior of the Cathedral. Over the last six years, the mosaic has been restored and it is definitely worth seeing.

- **Old Royal Palace (Starý Královsky Palác)**

- In the eastern end of the Third Courtyard (Třetí Nádvoří), close to the Golden Portal, is the entrance to the Old Royal Palace (Starý Královsky Palác), which contains three levels of royal apartments. The top floor contains the highlight of the palace, the Vladislav Hall. Its vaulted ceilings are the last glimpses of Gothic, while the large, square windows are the first expressions of the Renaissance in Bohemia. Open 10am to 4pm.

- **St. George's Basilica (Bazilika Svatý Jiří)**

- Stand far enough back from the Basilica to get a good look at the two Romanesque towers jutting out behind it. The Italian designers built a fatter male tower, Adam (on the left), which watches over the thinner female one, Eve (on the right). The Basilica has burned down and been rebuilt over the centuries and now serves as a concert hall. In the chapel on the right of the entrance are the bones of St. Ludmilla (Svatá Ludmilla), the first Czech saint.

## **A Stroll Through The Gardens**

- After a long day of sight seeing, there is always a need for a peaceful rest and the castle's parks and gardens are the perfect place. Open 10am to 6pm.

- **The Gardens**

- Beyond the castle walls are a succession of orderly and manicured gardens. To the north of the Castle are the Royal Gardens (Královská Zahrada), which are home to the Míčovna or Ball Game Hall. Coming from the First to the Second Courtyard, go left in the Second Courtyard through the archway and the gardens will be on your right. Continuing through the eastern edge of the Castle area you can find the Royal Summer Palace (Královský Letohrádek), supposedly where Europe's first tulips were cultivated. The main garden on the southern side of the Castle is known as the Ramparts Garden (Zahrada Na Valech), which overlooks Malá Strana. You can find this garden by using the steps to the right of the main castle gate. On the western edge of the Ramparts Garden (Zahrada Na Valech) you will find the Garden of Paradise (Rajská Zahrada), and on the southern edge is the Hartig Garden (Hartigovská Zahrada). The Hartig Garden (Hartigovská Zahrada) surrounds the Music Pavilion (Hudební Pavilon). Previously, the Communists closed off these gardens to the public, but President Havel insisted they be reopened in 1993.



- **Palace Gardens ([www.palacovezahrady.cz](http://www.palacovezahrady.cz))**

- Located beneath Prague Castle (Pražský Hrad), there are steeply terraced gardens that lead up to the castle. The extremely steep climb to the castle is rewarded by fitness, some beautiful landscaping and stunning views of the city. Owned by local bigwigs in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the wealthy owners reconstructed their plots in Baroque style with pavilions, galleries and fountains. Open 10am to 6pm.

## **Jewish Prague**

- **The Jewish community in Prague has been one of the oldest in Europe, arriving in the region possibly even before the Czechs themselves. Before the 18th century, the community was confined to the ghetto in Old Town known today as Josefov. Most Jews were rounded up and sent to the Terezin ghetto forty miles north of Prague. Many died there but it was also a holding camp, so prisoners were taken to other concentration camps including Auschwitz. Ninety percent of the Jews left living in the city were murdered.**



- **Jewish Museum – Prague 1**

- Located in Prague 1, at Jáchymova 3, this is the starting point for an exploration of Prague's Jewish past and present. The Jewish Museum holds the Old Jewish Cemetery and the Pinkas, Klaus, Maisel and Spanish Synagogues, but not the Old New Synagogue. However, you can buy a combined ticket to see everything. The admission prices are high compared to Prague standards, but the visit is still very worthwhile. Go early to avoid the crowds. Open 9am to 4:30pm and closed on Saturday and Jewish Holidays.

- **High Synagogue (Vysoká Synagoga) – Prague 1**

- The High Synagogue is still in use and stands next to the Old New Synagogue. Take notice to the clock on the façade of the pink building next door; it's a Jewish clock with Hebrew numbers and it turns counter-clockwise.

- **Klaus Synagogue – Prague 1**

- Located on U Starého Hřbitova 3a, the Klaus Synagogue is a Judaic Baroque building which houses a permanent exhibition of Jewish customs and traditions and an occasional art exhibition. Next door is the small Ceremonial Hall.

- **Maisel Synagogue – Prague 1**

- The Maisel Synagogue is home to a large collection of silverware that was once confiscated from Jewish families by the Nazis. Their permanent exhibit, the History of Jews in Bohemia and Moravia, is definitely worth a visit. The synagogue is located on Maiselová 10.

- **Jewish Cemetery at Olšany (Židovský Hřbitov Na Olšanech) – Prague 3**

- Founded in 1980, this cemetery has some very impressive graves from the early 1900's. Among others, you will find Franz Kafka here, who is buried in a very simple grave at site 137. Located on Vinohradská 1883, this cemetery is less crowded and larger than the Old Cemetery.

- **Old Jewish Cemetery – Prague 1**

- This cemetery is located on Široká 2. From the 14<sup>th</sup> century until 1747, the Old Jewish Cemetery was the final resting-place for Prague's Jewish community; it is rumored that some 12,000 graves are piled on top of each other in layers. The oldest and most famous burial place is that of Rabbi Low, which is the grave with the most pebbles piled on top of it – a Jewish tradition.

- **Old New Synagogue (Staronová Synagoga) – Prague 1**

- Of all the synagogues listed, this is perhaps the most important. It has stood on the same spot since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and despite disastrous fires and the Nazi occupation, it is still in active use. It is located at Červená 2.

- **Pinkas Synagogue – Prague 1**

- The Pinkas Synagogue is located at Široká 3. Its walls inside are chillingly covered with the names of 77,297 Jewish Holocaust victims from Bohemia and Moravia. This is also a permanent exhibition of children's drawings from the Terezin concentration camp, drawn between 1942 and 1944.



## **Museums**



- **TIP:** Reduced admission prices are usually granted to students, but you will need to present your valid ISIC (International Student Identity Card). Looking young will normally not do the trick (unless you're 10 years old).

- **Czech Museum of Fine Arts (České Muzeum Výtvarných Umění v Praze)**

- Holds a large collection of fine arts including classics and more modern works. Located on Husová 19 – 21 in Prague 1. Open 10am to 6pm, and closed on Mondays.

- **Historical Museum (Lobkovický Palác)**

- This museum holds a permanent exhibition of monuments to the Czech nation. Located in Prague 1, at Jiřská 3 near the Prague Castle (Pražský Hrad). Open 9am to 5pm, and closed on Mondays.

- **Mucha Museum**

- Dedicated to the artist Aphonse Mucha (1860-1939), whose work you will probably recognize when you see it, once you are familiar with the artist. Mucha was born in Czech and was known for commercial work such as mass-produced decorative panels and posters for Sarah Bernhardt's theatre performances. He exercised his greatest influence through his *Encyclopedia For Craftsmen*, a catalogue of art nouveau decorative elements, forms and designs. Mucha created a series of gigantic narrative oil paintings, which now hang in Moravský Krumlov castle and a stained-glass window for St. Vitus's Cathedral. There is a nice gift shop attached to the museum that displays paintings, sketches, drawings, notebooks and a video about his life. The museum is at Panská 7 in Prague 1. Open 10am to 6pm.

- **Museum of the City of Prague (Muzeum Hlavního Města Prahy)**

- This is the home of everything having to do with Prague, which is highlighted by a paper model of the city that took eleven years to construct. The displays follow the city's development from pre-history through to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Located in Prague 1, at Karmelitská 9. Open 9am to 6pm, and closed on Mondays.



- **Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague (Uměleckoprůmyslové v Praze)**

- Built between 1897 and 1900, this neo-Renaissance museum has richly decorated halls, stained and etched glass windows and intricately painted plaster moldings. The permanent collections document the craftsmanship and decorative styles of the previous centuries. Here you will find examples of what were once common items (furniture, tapestries, pottery, clocks, books, clothing, ceramics and glass) to have around the house from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Located in Prague 1, at Ulice 17. Listopadu 2. Open 10am to 6pm and closed on Mondays.

- **Náprstek Museum (Náprstkovo Muzeum)**

- The 19<sup>th</sup> century nationalist Vojta Náprstek had two passions. One was modern technology and the other primitive cultures. His gadgets now rest in the National Technical Museum, while the ethnographic oddities he collected from Czech travelers lie in this museum, which is also an extension of his house. Enthusiasts of archaeology and primitive art shouldn't miss this collection. Located in Prague 1, at Betlehémské Náměstí 1. Open 9am to 5:30pm. It is also closed on Mondays.

- **National Museum (Národní Muzeum)**

- Most visitors go to the front of the museum for views of Václavské Náměstí and then go inside to see the beautiful Renaissance revival building and its collection of busts of famous Czechs. If you go further, you will find rooms full of fossils and stuffed animals along with 10,000 rock specimens. Most of the descriptions are in Czech, with the exception of an introductory sheet in English about pre-history. Located in Prague 1, Václavské Náměstí 68. Open 9am to 5pm, and closed the first Tuesday of every month.

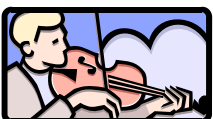
- **National Technical Museum (Národní technické muzeum)**

- Don't let the name scare you; this museum is really fascinating and worth a visit. In the Transport Hall you will find black steam trains with over-sized cars from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The museum traces the development of technology and science in Czechoslovakia. There is also an extensive collection of photography and cinematography along with a collection of rare astronomical instruments. Upstairs in the communications display area, you can be interactive and press tons of buttons, which make weird sounds and project visuals. Located in Prague 7, at Kostelní 42. Open Tue – Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat and Sun 10am - 6pm, and closed on Mondays.

## **Music in Prague**

- **Bertramka – W.A. Mozart and the Dušek Family Muse**

- Mozart stayed here several times as a guest of the Villa Bertramka's owners, composer František Dušek and his wife Josefína. This is also the place where Mozart composed the overture to Don Giovanni the night before its premiere. The tranquility here is amazing, especially in the early morning and late afternoon. The house and grounds are restored to their 18<sup>th</sup> century glory and certainly remind you of the era. Don't miss the bust of Mozart in the villa gardens and the preserved music scores and concert posters. Located in Prague 5, at Mozartova 169. Open from April to October 9:30am to 6pm.



- **Antonín Dvořák's Museum (Muzeum Antonína Dvořáka)**

- This museum is housed in a small red and light orange villa built in 1720, where the Dvořák Society pays tribute to the famous Czech composer. The ground floor is made up of memorabilia and photographs, while the upstairs has a recital hall used for summer concerts and exhibits. Music CD's of Dvořák's work and an English language translation of the exhibition's captions are available. Located in Prague 2, at Ke Karlovu 20. Open 10am to 5pm and closed on Mondays.

- **Bedřich Smetana Museum**

- Here you will find an extensive collection of memorabilia from the life and works of Bedřich Smetana (1824-1884). The highlight for technology fans will surely be the interactive display in the museum that lets you point a special laser baton at various music stands that when hit will play snippets of Smetana's work. Located in Prague 1, at Novotného Lávkka 1. Open from 10am to 5pm, and closed on Tuesdays.

## Parks

Get out and enjoy the fresh air! There are many cute parks found throughout Prague, and here are a few hints about where to go and stretch your legs.

- **Letná Park (Letenské Sady)**

- This is where the biggest demonstration of 1989 took place, attended by nearly a million people. From this park there is a wonderful view across the river of the whole town and all the landmarks on its east side. On the edge of the park there is a plinth that housed a giant statue of Stalin from 1955 to 1962. When Khrushchev denounced Stalin, the statue was destroyed and the pieces were used as paving stones. Today the plinth houses a giant metronome. The park is located in Prague 7 near the Sparta Stadium.



- **National Memorial (Národní Památník)**

- One of the largest equestrian statues in the world sits on Vitkov Hill over the district known as Žižkov. The statue commemorates the Hussite hero, Jan Žižka. It was built in 1925 by Jan Závorka and in 1963 the Communist regime turned it into a mausoleum for Heroes of the Working Class. The remains of the first Communist president, Klement Gottwald, were kept here and tended by scientists who unsuccessfully tried to preserve his body. The remains were later returned to his family and the project was abandoned. Rumor has it that the hill is home to extensive tunnels, burrowed out by the Nazis to hide their stolen gold. You can dream of your future while relaxing here. Located in Prague 3, at Na Vrchu Žižkově.

- **Petřín Lookout Tower (Petřínská Rozhledna)**



- Found at the top of Petřín Hill, the 60-meter tower yields some fantastic views of the city. Erected in May of 1891 out of recycled railway tracks, it's fiercest opponent was Adolf Hitler who wanted it removed. Somehow it survived, and after climbing 299 steps or taking a 4-minute ride in a lift, you can see the top! Within the park that surrounds the tower there are several 18<sup>th</sup> century gardens that are perfect for an afternoon stroll. With the tower at your back, you will see several buildings to your left. One of these buildings has the Mirror Maze, which offers a labyrinth of mirrors and a distorting room of magic mirrors that are sure to make anyone laugh. You can find the park in Prague 1 and the entrance is on Újezd street between Richi and Všebrdova

- **Stromovka**

- This is the largest park in the city and it stretches from the embassy district near Dejvice in Prague 6 down to the Průmyslový Palác, Sparta hockey stadium and fairgrounds at Výstaviště. This space used to function as Rudolf II's hunting grounds, but now its hundreds of trees tower over a maze of paths, including a ring road perfect for biking or skating. Inside you will also find the city's planetarium and zoo. Wandering through the park you will surely see flower gardens, a communist sculpture, a man-made lake and people taking advantage of the tranquility. The best way to get here is to take the metro to Nádraží Holešovice.

## ENTERTAINMENT



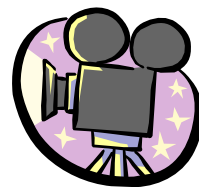
### Cinemas

- If you have some free time and enjoy the movies, you should go to the cinema. Tickets costs between 100 - 200 Kč. The procedure for buying tickets here is a little different, in some places you will be asked where you want to sit. Generally there is a computer screen with the layout of the cinema and you are able to pick from what is available. All seats are assigned.

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## Clubs



### **Karlovy Lázně – Novotného Lávka, Prague 1, 222 220 502**

- This is definitely one of the mega clubs in Prague, sporting around 5 floors of different styles of music, including live music in the basement. You will also find free Internet terminals and a café in the basement as well. The lights and sound systems top the scales in Prague and this seems to have become home to the younger generation. Be sure to explore the whole place, or you might miss something interesting. The club is open from 9pm to 5am daily, and the MCM café is open from 10am to 5am daily. [www.karlovy lazne.cz](http://www.karlovy lazne.cz)

### **• La Fabrique – Uhelný Trh 2, Prague 1, 224 233 137**

- Basically a complex of large underground rooms making up a dance club and a café that contains a mixed crowd of expats and Czechs. Open noon to 3am daily.

### **• Lucerna Music Bar – Vodičkova 36, Prague 1, 224 217 108**

- This bar and concert space attracts big time acts from abroad as well as local popular bands. Keep an eye out for the listings and plan to make a visit if you like live music. Open 8pm to 3am.

### **• Mecca – U Průhonu 3, Prague 7, 283 870 522**

- A recent big success in Prague, Mecca is definitely a draw that is pulling club goers out of center town to its address. A factory transformed into a large welcoming dance palace with good restaurant service in the early evening and dancing until dawn. Downstairs you can find a small chill out room if you need to get away from the masses. Open 10am to 11pm, except for Friday and Saturday when hours go from 10am to 6am. [www.mecca.cz](http://www.mecca.cz)

### **• Hard Rock Cafe Prague Dům U Rotta, Malé náměstí 3, Praha 1, 224 229 529**

- Hard Rock Cafe Prague, considered Europe's largest Hard Rock Cafe, is situated in the four-story, V.J.Rott building with a beautifully decorated neo-Renaissance façade and frescos. The cafe is located in the heart of old Prague less than 50 meters from the famous Old Town Square. The three-level, 1900-square-meter cafe includes two vibrant bars and features a unique compilation of memorabilia

from Hard Rock's world-famous collection completed by a 5-meter custom-made chandelier in the shape of a guitar.

- **RadostFX – Bělehradská 120, Prague 2, 224 254 77**

- A mix of restaurant, club and lounge that actually works, and works well. The restaurant offers excellent food and caters to the vegetarian in all of us. The back room lounge/art gallery is great for chilling out, especially if you can make their Sunday brunch! Food is a little closer to expat prices, but after eating it you will know why. Downstairs you will find the club area, which is small but features absurdly glam theme parties and endless fashion shows. The all star cast of DJ's keep the party moving and leave you wanting more. Don't miss this one, even if you only go once. Café open 11am to 2am, and closed Mondays. The lounge is open 11am to 5am and the club runs from 10pm to 5am. They are both closed on Monday and Tuesday. [www.radostfx.cz](http://www.radostfx.cz)

- **Rock Café – Národní 20, Prague 1, 224 933 947**

- Once a post revolution rock pioneer, now seems to be a backpacker hangout. Contains a music club, cinema, art gallery and Internet access. Features daily rock documentaries and Czech 'revival' bands. Open 10am to 3pm weekly and 8pm to 3am on the weekends. [www.rockcafe.cz](http://www.rockcafe.cz)

- **Roxy – Dlouhá 33, Prague 1, 224 826 296**

- Roxy is one of Prague's crucial destinations for house, dub and jungle music as well as a stream of live acts that hit the club. A large place with plenty of room to spread out and dance, but be aware it is usually full with club goers making the most of all space available. You will also find your chill spots as well, with smaller areas devoted to this type of activity. If you're up for a long night out, filled with music and the local scene, you will surely find it at Roxy. Open 8pm till late(?). [www.roxy.cz](http://www.roxy.cz)

- **Solidní Nejistota – Pštrossova 21, Prague 1, 224 933 086**

- The layout is a large main room with a circular bar drawing your eye. In the corner you will find a small dance-floor filled with Czechs freeing themselves to the sounds of the 80's. Apparently a good meeting place, if you are interested. Open 11am to 3am weekly and 6pm to 6am on Saturday and Sunday.

- **Akropolis – Kubelíkova 27, Prague 3, 296 330 911**

- This club promotes a rich array of world beat, dub, roots, and avant-garde acts. The downstairs bar offers nightly DJs free of charge. The main basement stage accommodates larger groups and matches with the best in Prague. There are bars in the upper level that are mostly for hanging out and/or grabbing a small bite to eat. Be sure to check out their listings on the web to see what is going on nightly. Open 4pm to 2am. The Kaaba café is open from 10am to 12pm during the week and on the weekend from 4pm to midnight. The DJ bars downstairs are open from 7pm to 4am. [www.palacakropolis.cz](http://www.palacakropolis.cz)



## **Jazz Clubs**

- **Jazz is alive and flourishing in Prague, so if you are an enthusiast or even slightly interested, you will be pleasantly surprised. Some places feature the real deal and others unfortunately are more of a tourist trap. So check it out before investing an entire evening.**



- **Agharta Jazz Club - Krakovská 5, Prague 1, 222 211 275**
  - Named after a Miles Davis Lp, this Jazz club is a great venue to see some of the finer bands on Prague's jazz circuit. The comfort level in this place is really high, and the look is worn in like a good pair of blue jeans. A good mixture of Czechs and expats fill the place and enjoy the nightly jazz mixed with an occasional blues performance. Be sure to check out the CD shop selling compilations from local artists and acts that have played there in the past. Open 7pm to midnight. [www.arte.cz](http://www.arte.cz)
- **Jazz Club Železná – Železná 16, Prague 1, 224 239 697**
  - The music at this club fits the prime location. Just off Old Town Square, this cellar sports good music, low prices and a great CD shop. Here you will find many festivals and interesting theme nights such as 'Ethno' and 'Latino'. Shows generally start around 9pm. Open 3pm to 12:30am daily. [www.jazzclub.cz](http://www.jazzclub.cz)
- **Jazz Boat – Čechův Most, boat Kotva, Prague 1, 731 183 180**
  - This moving jazz concert stage features Czech jazz musicians and a delightful evening on the water. A mix of sightseeing and music wrapped into one. Open 8pm. <http://www.jazzboat.cz/>
- **Reduta – Národní 20, Prague 1, 224 933 487**
  - This jazz club is mostly famous for Bill Clinton's visit when he played the saxophone while hanging out with President Havel. Cover is high and the atmosphere isn't great, but it's not unheard of to find some of Prague's best musicians in town to periodically sit in with the evening's band.
- **U Malého Glena – Karmeliská 23, Prague 1, 257 531 717, 257 535 150**
  - Hidden by an upstairs main floor café, this intimate basement room is filled with excellent jazz and a peaceful feeling. Veteran players and rising stars fill the small room which seats roughly 25 – 30 people. Reservations are always a good idea. Open 10am to 2am daily. [www.malyglen.cz/](http://www.malyglen.cz/)
- **U Staré Paní – Michalská 9, Prague 1, 224 228 090, 603 551**
  - Doubling as a decent restaurant, this hotel is a late night favorite with top local players. An elevated stage, fancy Petrov grand piano and a regular schedule of quality, contemporary jazz players make this a great venue. Saturdays usually bring all night informal jams. Expect a high cover charge. Open 7pm to 1am. [www.jazzlounge.cz/cz/](http://www.jazzlounge.cz/cz/)
- **Ungelt Jazz and Blues Club – Týnská Ulička 2, Prague 1, 224 895 748**
  - Coming into the pub upstairs, you will be pleasantly surprised with a cheerful atmosphere and cheap drinks for this section of town. Go downstairs and things become a bit more normal for this area of the city as far as pricing goes. The cellar is relaxed and appealing, but time will tell how this club will unfold. Generally you'll find good music playing at Ungelt! Open 8pm to midnight.

## SPORTS

### CERGE-EI Softball

CERGE-EI has its own softball team, which gathers each semester for weekly practice and a final tournament that is organized by the Prague Post. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet other students and faculty members. We encourage everyone to play ball!

### Billiards

<b>Billiard Club</b> Trojická 10 Praha 2 224923837	<b>Národní Třída, Café Louvre, Národní 20,</b> Praha 1 224 930 949	<b>Billiard Club Café</b> Národní 25 Praha 1 221 085 301	<b>Vinohrady, Harlequin, Vinohradská 25,</b> Praha 2 <a href="http://www.harlequin.zde.cz">www.harlequin.zde.cz</a> 224 217 240
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## Bowling

- The average charge for an alley is around 150 Kč/hr.

<b>Accord Bowling Club</b> Rostislavova 19, Prague 4 261 217 563 Open 4pm to 11pm	<b>Bowling Žižkov</b> Bořivojova 83, Prague 3 222 721 124 Open 3pm to 3am	<b>Bowling Bar</b> Ruská 88, Praha 10 271 732 371 Open 3pm to 1am
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## Swimming Pools

<b>Lázně Axa</b> Na Porříčí 40, Prague 1 222 323 967 <a href="http://www.hotelaxa.com">www.hotelaxa.com</a> Open Mon – Fri 7am – 10pm, Sat. & Sun. 9am – 9pm Cost is 1 Kč /minute	<b>Aquapark Lagon Letnany</b> Tupolevova 665, Prague 18 283 921 799 <a href="http://www.letnanylagoon.cz">www.letnanylagoon.cz</a> Opened Mon-Fri 8am-10pm Sat and Sun 9am-10pm Cost is 70 Kč per hour
<b>Olšanka</b> Táboritská 23 Hotel Olšanka, Prague 3 267 092 202	<b>Pražička</b> Za Žižkovskou Vozovnou 17, Prague 3 222 592 015



Open 6am – 9pm, Sat. & Sun. 8am to 8pm Pool, sauna and massages. Cost is 65 Kč/hour	Open 6am – 8am, 8pm – 10pm Sat. & Sun. 10am – 7pm Cost is 40 Kč/hour
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## **Fitness & Health**

- There are various centers around Prague for fitness, yoga, pilates, spinning classes etc. These two Fitness centers that offer short term (3 months) membership.

<b>World Class Gym</b> Vaclavske Nam. 22 Prague 1 Tel: 234 699 100 www.worldclass.cz	<b>Holmes Place (swimming pool)</b> Plzenska 8 Prague 5 Tel: 257 313 830 www.holmesplace.cz
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<b>Bikram Yoga Prague</b> Karoliny Svetle 8 Prague 1 224 222 892 <a href="http://www.bikramyoga.cz">www.bikramyoga.cz</a>	<b>Hot Yoga Prague</b> Halova 8 Prague 2 775 987 962
<b>Pilates Body Style</b> Ostrovskeho 3 Prague 5 <a href="http://www.bodystyle.cz">www.bodystyle.cz</a>	<b>Pilates Academy</b> Krizovnicka 7 Prague 1 <a href="http://www.pilates.cz">www.pilates.cz</a>









