



VISITOR'S GUIDE



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY,
THE CITY OF PRAGUE
AND CZECHIA

ABOUT CHARLES UNIVERSITY



Charles University was founded in 1348 during the rule of Charles IV, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor. It is one of the oldest universities in the world.

Originally, it had four faculties: theology, liberal arts, law, and medicine. The status of Czech academic community was strengthened under Charles' son, King Wenceslas IV.

**Charles University
is among the top 1.5%
of educational
institutions
in the world.**



Today, it is a modern, multi-disciplinary and research-oriented public institution and the largest and most renowned university in the Czechia. It also ranks #1 Czech University in the most respected world university rankings. It offers a large scale of study fields like arts and humanities, physics, education, medicine, law, pharmacy, mathematics, IT, economics, natural and social sciences, theology, psychology and many others.

International students can choose from more than 200 accredited study programmes in English.

Numbers



FACULTIES

Charles University has **17 faculties** in 3 university cities:

- **14 faculties** in **Prague**
- **2 faculties** in **Hradec Králové**
- **1 faculty** in **Pilsen**

STUDENTS

More than **51 000 students**
More than **11 000 international students**

ACADEMIC STAFF

More than **4 000 academics and researchers**

STUDY PROGRAMMES

More than **1 300 accredited study programmes**
More than **260 accredited study programmes in foreign language**

**university
website**

CITY OF PRAGUE

As a capital city of the Czech Republic Prague is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Central Europe. It is a frontier of the modern West and the former Iron Curtain, hiding such beauty and elegance that you will be amazed. Prague has a bit of everything - historical monuments, admirable architecture, gardens and parks. Prague is also famous for its cultural life.

USEFUL FACTS

- Population:** more than 1,3 million residents
- Currency:** Czech crown (CZK)
- Timezone:** GMT+1 (more info [HERE](#))
GMT+2 (from March to October)



TIPS ON PLACES TO VISIT

-  Prague Castle
-  Charles Bridge
-  Clementinum
-  Old Town Square
-  Petřín
-  Vyšehrad
-  Kampa
-  Botanical garden
-  Letná park
-  Wallenstein garden
-  Zoo Praha
-  Others

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website



GETTING TO PRAGUE



The central bus station in Prague is **Florenc Bus Station**, a full-service station in the city center (metro lines B and C - Florenc station).

More than 100 transport companies service the station, including international carriers like:

- [RegioJet](#)
- [Eurolines](#)
- [FlixBus](#)
- [LEO Express](#)

Bus terminal is **open daily from 3 AM to 12 AM**



The city's primary train station is the **Main Station** in the center of Prague (metro line C - Hlavní nádraží station).

Main Station passenger areas are open:

- Mon - Thu **3:15 AM - 0:45 AM**
- Fri - Sun **nonstop**

Airport Express (AE) buses provide a direct connection between Main Station and Václav Havel Airport Prague. The bus stop is **in front of the train station building**. The journey time is about 30 minutes.

Major Prague train stations

- **Main Station** (metro line C, Hlavní nádraží station)
- **Masaryk Station** (metro line B, Náměstí Republiky station)
- **Smíchov Station** (metro line B, Smíchovské nádraží station)
- **Prague Holešovice Station** (metro line C, Nádraží Holešovice station)



What to bring with you

- valid driving licence
- vehicle registration card
- "green" insurance card

All vehicles of total weight up to 3,5 tons are required to pay a **motorway fee**. The motorway fee is required by the purchase of an **electronic vignette**. The fee should be paid as soon as you enter the country as toll roads often applies immediately after border crossings. **Buy a sticker HERE**.

See the map of paid sections of motorways and expressways on **Motorway.cz**

Speed limits in the Czech Republic

- In built-up areas: **50 km/h**
- Outside built-up areas: **90 km/h**
- Motorways: **130 km/h**

Parking in Prague

HERE are parking options in Prague.

In the Czech Republic we drive on the **right side of the road**.



The international **Václav Havel Prague Airport** is located 18 km from the center of Prague.

- **Terminal 1** (flights outside Schengen area)
- **Terminal 2** (flights in Schengen area)
- **Terminal 3** (private flights)

Transport from the airport:

A) CITY BUSES

Marked bus stops are in front of and across from the building at Terminals 1 and 2. Tickets available at vending machines, Prague Transport Company's (DPP) kiosk, or Visitor Centers. Bus 119 and Airport Express accept contactless cards.

- **bus 119** Airport -> Nádraží Veleslavín station (metro line A) - travel time 15 mins
- **bus 100** Airport -> Zličín station (metro line B) - 18 mins
- **night line 910** Airport -> center - 40 mins

B) AIRPORT EXPRESS BUS (AE)

Direct connection from the airport to Main Railway Station in the center of Prague. The bus line operates daily at regular 30-minute intervals

C) TAXI / UBER



PRAGUE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TRAMS

Day services numbered 1–26 operate daily between **5 AM and 12 AM**.

Night trams numbered 91–99 operate approx. between **12 AM and 5 AM** every 30 minutes and are the backbone of night transit services in Prague. Transfer between trams is made available at the Lazarská stop, where all night trams meet and have a 5-minute overlay.



**prague
transport
website**

TICKETS

To travel around Prague you must have a **valid ticket**.

Types of short term tickets and where to buy them:

30 mins | ticket terminals in all
90 mins | trams, city buses and
24 hours | metro stations. Card
payment only

72 hours - point of sale or vending machines in all metro stations or some tram or bus stations



METRO

Subway network consists of three lines – **green A, yellow B and red C**. Trains run every 2–4 mins at peak times and every 5–10 mins at off-peak times and on the weekends.

All subway lines operate **from 5 AM to 12 AM**.

CITY BUSES

Urban buses operate approx. between **4:45 AM and 0:15 AM**. They are numbered 100 - 299.

Suburban buses link Prague and municipalities in the Central Bohemian region. The lines are numbered 301 - 850.

At night, approx. between **12 AM and 4:45 AM**, night bus lines 901–916 complement the night tram network.

UNIVERSITY HOTELS

OPITZ HOTEL

Small university hotel is located in the area of university residence in the center of Prague.



HOTEL KRYSTAL

Three star hotel is close to the Vaclav Havel Airport only 4 metro stations from the historic center of Prague



PRAGUE ACCOMODATION



OTHER HOTEL TIPS



EXE CITY PARK HOTEL



REZIDENCE BENE



OLD PRAGUE HOTEL



HOTEL SALVATOR



DESIGN HOTEL JEWEL PRAGUE



HOTEL ROYAL ESPRIT



GRAND HOTEL BOHEMIA



GETTING TO HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ



In Hradec Králové city, you will find two university faculties. Among them is **one of the five medical faculties, as well as a pharmaceutical faculty.**

You will get to Hradec by train or regional bus.

TRAIN

You have the option to utilize a direct train connection **departing from Prague Main Station**, with a frequency of **one departure per hour.** **Timetables and tickets HERE.**

BUS

You have the option of taking a direct regional bus connection that **departs from Florenc Bus Station** in the heart of Prague. However, please note that the frequency of this bus connection is not as high as that of the train connection. **Timetables and tickets HERE.**



City of Pilsen is home to one university faculty, specifically another **medical faculty.**

You will get to Pilsen by train or regional bus.

TRAIN

You have the option to utilize a direct train connection **departing from Prague Main Station**, with a usual frequency of **two departures per hour.** **Timetables and tickets HERE.**

BUS

You have the option of taking a direct regional bus connection that **departs from Florenc Bus Station or Zličín Bus Station**. However, please note that the frequency of the bus connection is not as high as that of the train connection. **Timetable and tickets HERE.**



GETTING TO PILSEN



HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL INSURANCE

In Czechia there are state-run and private medical facilities. Most of them have contracts with insurance companies covering costs of basic medical treatment of European Health Insurance Card holders.



MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In the case of sudden illness or injury while in Czechia, a **24-hour medical service is available in emergency departments** of hospitals.

If due to illness or injury, you are unable to get to hospital yourself, call an ambulance on telephone number **112**.

MEDICAMENTS

You can buy **over-the-counter medications to relieve common illnesses** (such as cold, flu, etc.) in pharmacies without a prescription. However, for other types of medicaments you will need one.

Prescriptions are usually valid for 14 days, with some exceptions. If you get a **prescription from the emergency services, it will be valid for only two days**, and if you are prescribed antibiotics, you must pick them up within five days.

INSURANCE FOR FOREIGNERS FROM EU, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, ICELAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN

To access Czech medical care, a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** is required, confirming insurance coverage. EHIC covers essential treatment based on illness and stay duration. Expenses beyond basic care or local regulations are not covered. **It's advised to secure extra commercial insurance for these costs before travel.**

INSURANCE FOR FOREIGNERS FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EU

Without EU permanent residency, **you need commercial insurance**. Otherwise, you will have to pay for care **immediately in cash**.





VISAS

You may find the list of countries whose citizens may travel for a short term to Czechia with only a valid travel document, **without a visa** [HERE](#).

The list of countries whose citizens **must have a relevant valid visa** to enter Czechia can be found [HERE](#).

LANGUAGE

Official language is the **Czech language**.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS



Local emergency numbers are:

150 - FIRE DEPARTMENT

155 - MEDICAL RESCUE SERVICE

158 - POLICE

The universal emergency number for foreigners, applicable not only within Czechia but across the entire European Union, is **112 where your call will be handled by trained professionals fluent in English, along with other foreign languages.**



ELECTRICITY

In Czechia, **type C, E, and F** power plugs are used, with a standard voltage of **230 V** and a frequency of **50 Hz**.

TELEPHONE

The **country code** for the Czech Republic is **+420**.

There are three mobile operators – **O2, T-Mobile, and Vodafone**. You can purchase a SIM with calls-only or DATA-only services or a combination.

CURRENCY

The official currency is the **Czech crown (Kč/CZK)**.

[HERE](#) is more information about the currency, exchange etc.

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