

ROMANCE



Prague Castle Gardens



Funicular to Petřín



Ledeburg Gardens



ARCHITECTURE

Prague is home to buildings that carry man across time. The symbol of the Czech state, Prague Castle, reaches back deep into the country's history. The castle complex features a mixture of a Romanesque basilica, a Gothic cathedral, and a Baroque palace, in addition to modern representative interiors from the 20th century.

The medieval Charles Bridge joins the king's Castle with the residential area, Old Town. Floods, wars, even fires have taken nothing from these sites. The cobblestones that pave the roads on which Prague citizens walk have lasted ages. In the Malá Strana area, just below the Castle, lies a Baroque town with dozens of awe-inspiring palaces, impressive churches, and picturesque, little streets. On the other side of the river sits the well-preserved Gothic Old Town with the sharp lines of its town hall and church spires and its silent little squares.



Old Town Square

Areal view of St. Vitus Cathedral



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Prague Underground



Historic Streetcar / Tram

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Czech Republic

A touch of magic



Prague Baroque

Čertovka Stream
– Kampa Island

METROPOLIS



Wenceslas Square – National Museum



Flora Shopping Centre

People travel to Prague to explore, for the culture, for tourism ... and **to shop**. It's pleasant to learn that brand name goods are somewhat cheaper here than in many other West European cities. Dozens of large shopping centres are **open 24 hours**; others close as late as a couple of hours after midnight. Prague's historic centre includes occasional and daily open-air markets with artwork, wooden toys and souvenirs. Cut **glass**, painted **porcelain**, and precious stones including Czech **garnets** remain quality, time-tested, typical Czech goods.

Wenceslas Square



MUSIC

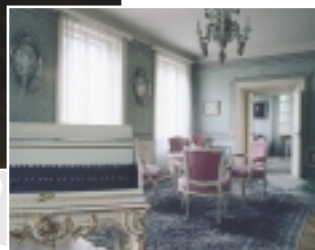


People tend to describe musical interests in the Czech Republic by exclaiming a phrase known all over Europe: „If he's Czech, he's a musician.“

The most prized music in Prague is classical **music**, which is played in concert halls adapted to project the sound of symphony orchestras. The historic Rudolfinum, the Art-Nouveau gem, Obecní dům (Municipal House), and the modern Prague Congress Centre host the best artists each year. Music fans from all over the world flock to the Prague Spring Festival.

Artists such as Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart**, Antonín Dvořák and Bedřich Smetana lived, composed and directed their most famous works in Prague.

National Theatre



Bertramka Villa



Municipal House

MYSTERY



Castle Steps

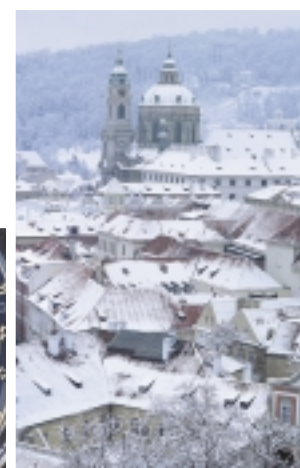
Prague is above all else a city of secrets and mysteries. Each street in the Old Town has its ghosts. Around midnight a headless knight allegedly rides on his horse in one street. Somewhere else a fiery man moves about and a woman in white walks along the walls of the castle fortifications in the light of a full moon. Author, genius of secrets of the modern world, and analyst of its relations and mechanisms, **Franz Kafka**, lived in this environment. The hard-working office employee absorbed the Czech, German, and Jewish soul of the city. His home was built literally on the border between two Prague quarters called the Jewish Town and Old Town. Today a small square named after the famous author and the Franz Kafka Centre occupy this site. The Centre houses Kafka's written works and the story of his life.

Old Town Astrological Clock



Old Town

Prague in Winter



Every minute of every hour of every day: a city to explore

The hundred-spired mother of all cities, Prague. A **city** that never ceases to amaze. The regular guest, the summer tourist or even the local native – they all find something new and pleasing here every day. Medieval palaces, a bustling commercial area, or a quiet pub. Prague is a city of European culture. You won't find as many architectural monuments, galleries, concerts, nature preserves, or as much entertainment and relaxation in one small space anywhere else on earth.

Many-spired Prague

