

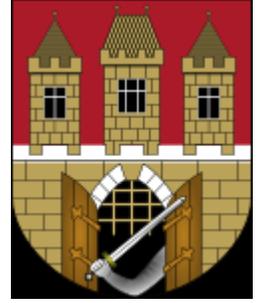
# Welcome to Prague

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# Intro



- Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. (14<sup>th</sup> in EU.)
- The city is home to about 1.3 milion people.
- Its rich history makes it a popular tourist destination. (6.4 milion tourists a year.)
- Fifth most visited European city.



# Tour de Prague - History



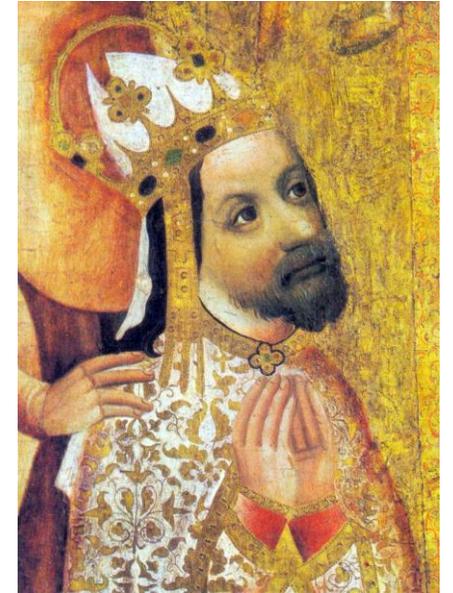
- According to a legend, Prague was founded by the Princess Libuše and her husband, Přemysl, founder of the dynasty with the same name.
- In the 9th century – Prince Bořivoj founded a castle on a hill above the Vltava valley.
- King Vladislav II had a first bridge on the Vltava built in 1170, the Judith Bridge.
- In 1257, under King Otakar II, Malá Strana ("Lesser Quarter") was founded in Prague in the future Hradčany area.
- 15th century – a centre of the Hussite movement.
- 16th century – Prague regained its cosmopolitan character during the reign of Rudolph II.
- In 1621 – 27 noblemen were executed in the Old Town Square.
- 1918 – the capital of Czechoslovakia.



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# Tour de Prague – Charles IV.

- Holy Roman Emperor.
- The city flourished during the 14th century reign of Charles IV.
- He was a member of the House of Luxembourg.
- He ordered the building of the New Town, and many others buildings.
- The prince-electors chose him as King of the Romans, crowned 1346 in Bonn.
- In 1355 he was crowned King of Italy and Holy Roman Emperor.
- He was married four times.
- Died 1378.



# Tour de Prague – Prague Castle

- The largest castle in the world.
- Construction started 870 and got completed 1928.
- 1.8 million tourists visit Prague castle a year.
- The castle represent every architectural style of the last millennium.
- The The Bohemian Crown Jewels are kept in a hidden room inside it.



# Tour de Prague – Charles Bridge

- An historic bridge that crosses the Vltava river in Prague.
- Construction started in 1357, and finished in the beginning of the 15th century.
- Built in the age of Charles IV.
- The bridge replaced the old Judith Bridge.
- Important connection between Prague Castle and the city's Old Town.
- It is 621 metres long.
- The bridge is decorated by 30 statues and statuaries.



# Tour de Prague – Old Town Square

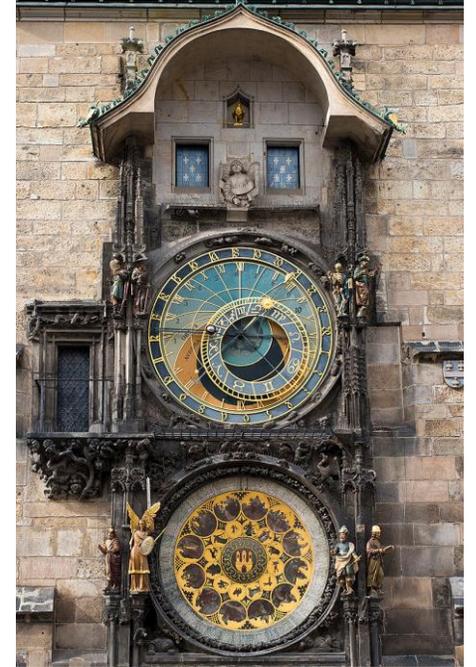
- A historic square in the Old Town quarter of Prague.
- The square features various architectural styles.
- Including the Gothic Church of Our Lady before Týn.
- And Pražský Orloj is a medieval astronomical clock located on the Old Town Hall.



# Tour de Prague – Prague astronomical clock

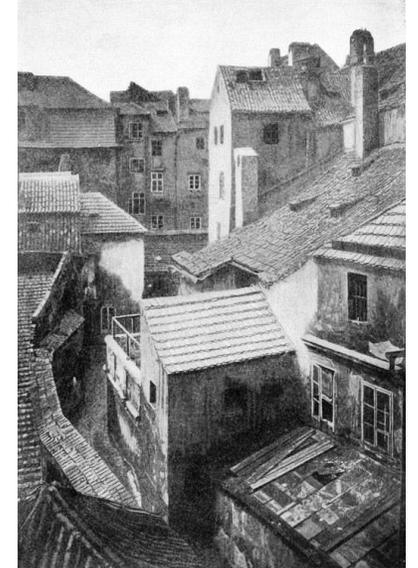
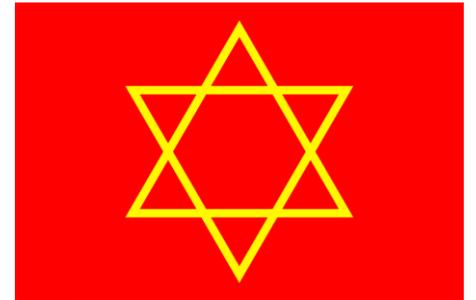
- The clock was first installed in 1410.
- The third-oldest astronomical clock in the world.
- It's on wall of Old Town Hall in the Old Town Square.
- "The Walk of the Apostles"

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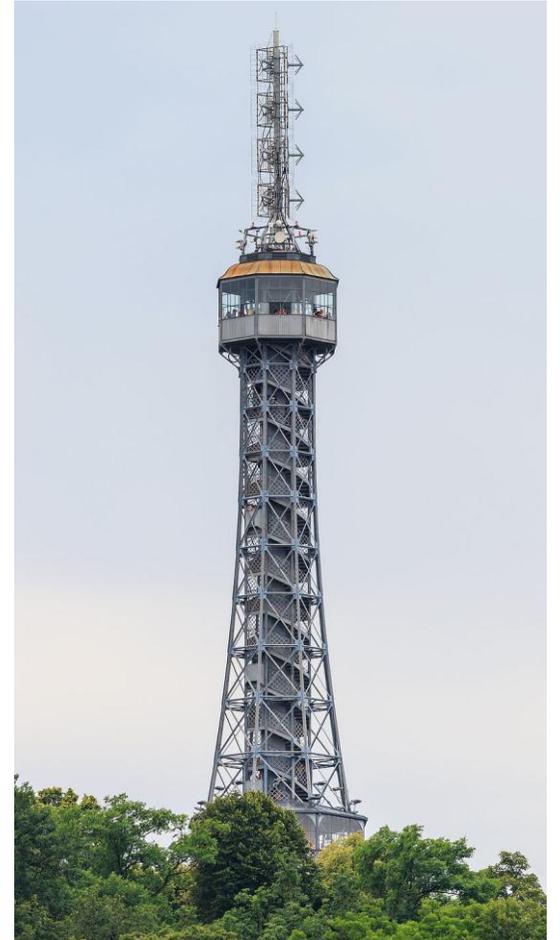
# Tour de Prague – Josefov (Jewish Quarter)

- Is a town quarter and the smallest cadastral area of Prague.
- Formerly the Jewish ghetto of the town.
- It is completely surrounded by Old Town.
- Jews have settled in Prague in the 10th century.
- It had over 18,000 inhabitants.
- Medieval Josefov is depicted in the 1920 film *The Golem*.



# Tour de Prague - Petřín

- Is a hill in the center of Prague.
- Almost entirely covered with parks.
- Is a favorite recreational area for the inhabitants of Prague.
- On the top of the hill is Petřín Lookout Tower.
  - 63.5-metre-tall steel-framework tower.
  - Was built in 1891.
  - Visited by more than 557,000 visitors a year.



# Tour de Prague - Vyšehrad

- Is a historical fort.
- It was built in the 10th century.
- Situated within the castle is the Basilica of St Peter and St Paul
- Also there is Vyšehrad Cemetery.
  - Containing the remains of many famous people from Czech history.
- Old legend says, that Vyšehrad was the location of the first settlement which later became Prague.



# Tour de Prague – Wenceslas Square

- Is one of the main city squares and the centre of the business in the New Town.
- Less a square than a boulevard.
- At that end, the street is dominated by the Czech National Museum.
- There is also a huge Statue of Wenceslas.
- A lot of major actions took place here.



# Tour de Prague – National Theatre

- Is known as the alma mater of Czech opera.
- Monument of Czech history and art.
- Nowadays there are three artistic ensembles: opera, ballet and drama.
- Opened June 1881.
- 12 August 1881 fire burned whole theatre, reconstruction ended in 1883.



# Tour de Prague - Education



- Twelve universities, and a number of colleges and schools are located in the city.
- The most famous are Charles University, Czech Technical University, Institute of Chemical Technology and many more...



# Tour de Prague – Air Transport

- Prague is served by Václav Havel Airport.
- The airport was named after the first Czech President, Vaclav Havel.
- 13 million passengers in 2016.
- It serves as a hub for Czech Airlines.
- The airport can handle wide-body aircraft including the [Airbus A380](#).



# Tour de Prague - Sports

- Prague is the site of many sports events, national stadiums and teams.
- The national sport of the Czech Republic is hockey.
- The most famous hockey and football team is Sparta Prague.
- Another very famous football team is Slavia Prague.
- O2 Arena – the second largest ice hockey arena in Europe.
- Strahov Stadium – the largest stadium in the world.



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