

Social Habits in Czech Republic

Hello, let me introduce some of our social habits. These habits are different in every culture and in every country, so it is important to know them when you are travelling around the world to the new countries and getting touch with other cultures, isn't that truth?



Greetings – Let's start with greetings, which you need wherever you go. When we meet with friends, we say simply "Hi" (in our language it is "Čau") or "Hello" (in our language it is "Ahoj") and the same is for family, because members of our family are usually also our best friends. When meeting any adult or elderly people, we say "Good morning" or "Good afternoon" depending on the time of day. We can also use multifunctional phrase for any time of day, which we use the most and it is simply "Good day" (in our language it is "Dobrý den"). You can't insult anyone by saying it, but you don't have to say it to children.

Only if we really get to know someone and we become friends, we can call them "Hi" and "Hello". At school, we always greet teachers "Good morning"/"Good day", it is more polite. When we leave company of friends, we say simply "See'ya" or "Bye bye" (in our language it is "Zítřa/Ahoj") and for example, when teacher is leaving the classroom, we say "Goodbye" (in our language it is "Nasheldanou").

First meet – When we meet someone, and it does not matter who, for the first time, we shake hands and look into each others eyes. It is very unpolite, even hostile to refuse to shake offered hand, but if both of you just forget to shake hands, nothing bad happens, it is just a matter of good manners. Kissing cheeks is acceptable amongst friends (not boy to boy), but it is not very usual. On the other hand, kissing your girlfriend/boyfried is totally normal. Also you should not be overpassionate when kissing in public. It is allowed, but it makes people around uncomfortable. One or two simple kisses should be enough in public. The same is for kissing at school.



Public behavior – Talking about public, most things are socially allowed. Except of illegal activities of course. You can blow your nose if you

really need to, but you must count on being embarrassed. You are free to chew gum, but it is impolite to chew while talking. Talking on phone in public is also pretty usual thing but you should not be too much loud. By the way, when you are on meeting or in the school lesson, you should have your phone muted or off, because it is not polite, when your phone rings while someone is talking, especially when the someone is your boss or teacher. Smoking in public is also allowed, but there are some restricted areas, like school, some rooms in the restaurants, where it is not allowed to smoke. Smoking in public traffic, like on buses, trains or on metro, is completely banned.



Manners – When visiting our friends in their houses, we always take our shoes off. Nobody wants to have dirty floor, right? Our parents were always teaching us good manners and respect to older people. For example, we are supposed to give up our seat for standing older person. Some say it is because young people can stand longer.

Events – There are many culture events in Czech republic, most of them you are probably familiar with, because they are common in almost every European culture. I am talking about cinemas, concerts, theatres, operas, balls, art exhibitions in museums and more.

Dancing lessons – There is one culture event typical for our country, and it is the dancing lessons. Dancing lessons are very popular among young people, who attend to high school, but there are lessons for adults too. They are usually on Saturday evening a last for about three hours. It is always great fun, we learn new dances and then we try to not embarrass ourselves as we perform new learned steps. Next thing we learn in these lessons are good manners and how to behave in general. There are three types of lessons in total. First are the Basic lessons, second are Advanced lessons and for the most talented there are Special lessons.



Now, with all the facts written above, when you'll be visiting Czech Republic you can assimilate with our culture and fully enjoy the visit.