

Social Habits and Customs in The Czech Republic

Hi! Do you want to know something about social habits and customs in the Czech Republic? Okay, let's see.

How do we greet each other?

We can start with greetings. People in the Czech Republic are very friendly, helpful, kind and funny. When we greet each other - we simply say „Čau“ (which means „Hi“) or „Ahoj“ (which means „Hello“) to our friends and family, and „Dobré ráno“ (which means „Good morning“) or „Dobré odpoledne“ (which means „Good afternoon“). It depends on the time of day. We can also use multifunctional phrase „Dobrý den“ (which means „Good day“). We say these phrases to teachers when we meet them out of a classroom or we are usually saying it to older people. In the class we greet teacher by standing up for a while until he/she greets us. We can also kiss cheeks with our friends but it is not usual. Boys don't kiss other boys. When we meet someone new we shake hands, look into each others eyes and say our name. It is impolite to refuse offered hand, but if both of them forget to shake hands it doesn't matter. It is only a demonstration of good manners. When we are leaving we are saying „Ahoj/Čau“ (which means „Bye“) to our friends and family. When for example teacher is leaving we are saying „Nashledanou“ (which means „Goodbye“)



What is OK in public?

We do not care much about chewing a gum, blowing your nose or smoking in public. Only if you are chewing a gum it is impolite to chew while talking. It is quite different than in another countries. In European countries there are some restriction about smoking, kissing or making calls in public. In our country we can make calls in public. We only have to be thoughtful and do not talk too loud. But in school and places like theater we have to turn off our phone. It is very improper when your phone ring while someone is performing. It is ok when you kiss your boyfriend/girlfriend in public but people around you can feel uncomfortable. So do not be too much passionate. The same with kisses is at school. Some people try to make changes about smoking in restaurant, but it is still not forbidden. There are only some places where it is forbidden like school, public traffic and some rooms in restaurant. If you are (un)lucky and get invited to someone's house for dinner, tea or coffee – do not use first names, because it is sign of friendship, just wait until they invite you to using it. We always take off shoes when we are home or when we are visiting our friends. We have also another good manners. For example we respect older people. When we are at public traffic we give our seat to them or to pregnant women. We are saying that younger people can stand longer than older people. Because everyone is different, we do not have same taboos. But it is rather archaic opinion about sex, racism, policy etc.

Culture events

In Czech republic we have many culture events. They are probably same as culture events in your country. We love our leisure time and take full advantage of time away from work. So we visit cinemas, theatres, concerts, operas, balls, museums and exhibitions. We wear formal clothes like dress and suit when we go to theater, ball and culture events like this. To cinema and museum we can go in semi-formal clothes. We have so many cinemas (Cinema Star, Cinema City)

and many theaters – mainly in Prague. The most important of them is National Theater in Prague. We have also one culture event typical for our country. It is the dancing lessons. Kids go there with a dancing partner – They learn how to dance and is told how to behave in public. It is always fun! You make new friends, learn fun dances and much more. It is usually once a week and last for about three hours. It is organized in 1st grade of high school. Dancing lessons are very popular and there are lessons for adults too. 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.



(National Theater in Prague)

Czechs are very mad about football and hockey. A lot of them often go to matches. The most favorite drink in Czech republic is beer (alcohol). We are first in beer consumption on a person – around 170 litres. Yeah, it is something! :D It's maybe so high, because we love our leisure time and a lot of us spend their time in pubs, with friends, and mostly with beer in their hands.



Goodbye

So this is all I wanted to tell you about social habits and customs of Czech republic. I hope you liked it and learned something new.