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The Gathering

# GRAND PRIX PRAGUE



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# Introducing Prague

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**P**rague is the capital city of the Czech Republic. It is located in its centre, on both river banks of the Vltava river. It has about 1,2 million inhabitants and is the economical, political and cultural centre of Czech republic.

Prague has always been the kings' settlement and therefore can show over a thousand years of history with plenty of world renowned monuments which are visited by several hundred thousand tourists every year.

telephone country code: **+420**

emergency number: **112**

time and date format: **24-hour clock** (0:00-23:59)

time zone: **CEST - UTC+2** (the same as most Western Europe)

## MONEY

### AND HOW TO GET LOCAL CURRENCY

**C**zech currency is called **česká koruna** (Czech Crown), the abbreviation **Kč** stands for CZK. Available coin values are: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Kč. Available banknotes are depicted on the following page. Some nominal values have special slang terms, for

example CZK 5 is called “**búr**”, CZK 10 is called “**pětka**” and CZK 100 is called “**kilo**”.

It is possible to pay with euros in some shops and restaurants, but mainly only in the city centre: most of the shops will accept only local currency. The majority of bigger stores and restaurants accept card payment.

If you must exchange money, we recommend avoiding doing that at the Airport or at the Main train station, where the rates are usually bad. There are many good exchange service (in Czech “**směnárna**”) locations in the city centre, offering fair conversion rates without any commission. These service locations usually offer better rates than banks. It is usually enough to watch the spread between buy and sell which should be below 1 CZK and of course, the lower the better.

**Secret tip:** Some Czech judges usually offer to the other judges a nice service: change local currency for euros directly at the GP venue. Just check the GP JudgeApps forum, get in touch with the appropriate judge and find him/her on site.

My two favourite exchanges are: Alfa Prague right next to the Palladium shopping centre (Czech webpage only) at the metro station **Namesti republiky** and Exchange located in **Kaprova** street, between the metro station **Staromestska** and the Old Town Square. You should get approx. **CZK 26–26,50 for 1 EUR** as of 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2016. These two exchanges usually offer similar good rates for USD and GBP, so if you want to change some of these currencies, go for it!



All of the available Czech banknotes

## WEATHER

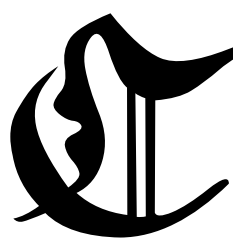
**J**anuary is quite cold in Central Europe and Czech republic is no exception. The average temperature in Prague in the past five years is as low as  $+1^{\circ}\text{C}$ , so expect something between  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$  with possible snow or snow+rain precipitation. Don't forget your warm clothing at home!

## ELECTRICITY

**T**he so-called 'French' model of wall sockets is used in the Czech Republic. Do not forget your multi-purpose traveller's adaptor at home! The voltage in the Czech power grid is by norm 230V at 50Hz.



# LANGUAGE

zech belongs to Slavic languages, alongside with Polish, Slovak, Russian and some other languages. Most people in Prague will understand and speak at least decent English with you. There will also be many people who can understand your Russian (usually older people) or German (usually younger people). On the other hand it can be quite tough to find people, who can help you, if you speak only French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish.

## Some more or less useful vocabulary (phrases):

**dobrý den!** – good day! (used all day long)

**ahoj!** – hi!

**prosím** – please

**děkuji!** – thank you!

**na shledanou** – Good bye!

**promiňte!** – sorry, excuse me

**nerozumím** – I don't understand

**jak se dostanu... (do Letnan)?** – How do I get to... (Letnany)?

**chtěl bych koupit jízdenku na autobus/tramvaj/metro** – I would like to buy a ticket for a bus/tram/metro

Many Czech words contain letters with some strange symbols (diacritic signs), like for example **ě** (**y** in *yes*), **š** (like **sh** in *fish*), **č** (like **ch** in *rich*), **ř** (probably no English equivalent) and **ž** (sounds like **s** in *treasure*).

The vocals **á**, **é**, **o**, **í/ý** or **ú/ů** are just long vocals. There is no difference in pronunciation between the last two pairs of them.

**kde je (...)?** – where is (...)?

- ❖ **nádraží** – train station
- ❖ **zastávka tramvaje** – tram stop
- ❖ **zastávka autobusu** – bus stop
- ❖ **směnárna** – change
- ❖ **bankomat** – ATM

**kolik to stojí?** – how much is it?

**vezmu si...** – I take ...

**potřebuji pomoc!** – I need help!

**pivo** – beer,

**polévka** – soup

Consonants are mainly pronounced as you would normally do, with following exceptions:

- ❖ **j** is like **y** in *yellow*,
- ❖ **c** is like **ts**,
- ❖ **ch** is one letter with specific pronunciation (**ch** like in the word *loch*).

### **Basic numbers:**

**jedna** – one,

**dvě** – two,

**tři** – three,

**čtyři** – four,

**pět** – five,

**šest** – six,

**sedm** – seven,

**osm** – eight,

**devět** – nine,

**deset** – ten,

**dvacet** – twenty,

**padesát** – fifty,

**sto** – one hundred,

**dvěstě** – two hundred,

**tisíc** – thousand.

# Arriving in Prague

## BY PLANE

 Václav Havel Airport Prague (in Czech: **Letiště Václava Havla**) ([website](#)) is the only international airport in and nearby the city, so if you fly to Prague, you will certainly land there. It has two terminals, Terminal 2 for flights to and from the Schengen zone and Terminal 1 for all other flights. Both terminals are next to each other, connected via a hallway with shops and other usual airport services.

## FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY CENTRE

The Airport is part of the “bigger Prague” and is well connected with the city (centre) by buses. You can also use taxi to get to/from the airport.

- ❖ **Airport Express (AE)** bus is the only direct connection with the city centre, connecting both terminals with the metro station **Náměstí republiky** ([line B](#)) and with **Hlavní nádraží** (the Main train station, [line C](#)), both located in the closest city centre.

You can see the timetable [from the Airport](#) (PDF, 140kB) or [to the Airport](#) (PDF, 140kB). The AE bus has a special fare (60 CZK per ride) and is paid in cash only to the bus driver. The usual public transportation tickets are NOT valid there. The ride takes approx. 40 minutes.





- ❖ **City bus line 100** connects the Airport with the southwest metro station **Zličín** (end stop metro **line B**). From there you have to take a metro. The ride to **Náměstí republiky** in the city centre takes 55 minutes.
- ❖ **City bus line 119** connects the Airport with the northwest metro station **Nádraží Veleslavín** (**line A**). From there you have to take a metro. The ride to the city centre takes 35 minutes, which makes it the fastest connection.
- ❖ **City bus lines 191** connects the Airport with the northwest metro station **Petřiny** (**line A**). From there you have to take a metro. The ride to the city centre takes 50 minutes.

To find any specific timetable, you can use the **public transportation route planner**.

The advantage of the city buses is, that they belong to **PID** (Prague integrated transportation system), so you can buy one of the short-term tickets (see description in the chapter Public transportation in Prague) at the airport and already use it for these buses.

All the tickets can be bought at the info booth in Terminal 1, Level 1 (very close to the exit F). There are also some ticket machines at the bus stops in front of the Airport, but as far as I know they only accept czech coins!

**Taxi** is the last alternative, especially recommended if you land at more or less the same time as other companions, have a lot of heavy luggage or land too late. Also by choosing so, you can avoid changing the money at the airport, because the taxi drivers are usually happy to accept euros (just at a bit worse of a conversion rate of course). There are plenty of companies, which target at the Airport-City centre transfers, but the vast majority of them don't have an English website(!). It is definitely

recommended to call one of the reliable companies (see the index in the chapter Public transportation in Prague) in advance and set up a price with the driver before starting the ride. The ride from the airport to the city centre should be around 500–600 CZK, depending on the drop-off point. If you want to go directly to the venue, the fare should be approx. 600–700 CZK.

## BY CAR

**P**rague is situated in the heart of Czech republic and therefore is well connected via highways with neighbouring countries. The highway D8 to Dresden, the D5 towards Nuremberg and the D1 connecting Prague with Brno (and Vienna/Bratislava) are the main arteries of the road network.

Some advice before you decide for a car trip:

- ❖ You will need a **vignette** (highway stamp) for the highways in the Czech republic, if you plan to use them. The 10-day vignette costs CZK 310 and can be obtained at most of the gas stations around the borders
- ❖ Parking your car in Prague can be a problem. Some of the city quarters (big parts of Prague 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8) use the so called **modré zony** (blue zones) system, which enable parking for residents only. Always check with your hotel beforehand, whether they have a private parking or what the parking situations is like.
- ❖ Because of the blue zones it is very tough to find a parking slot elsewhere on the street. There are also some paid zones for short-term parking.
- ❖ Prague is also “famous” for car robbery. Every night approx. nine cars change their owners (not voluntarily). Don’t leave any luggage/

clothes on the back seats, which may attract junkies, who could break into your car.

- ❖ There is no problem with parking directly at the venue (see chapter *Getting to the venue* for details).

## BY TRAIN

“ **Hlavní nádraží**” (the Main train station) is where you will arrive all the time, independently of the departure station. The train terminal is located in the city centre and has its own metro station called **Hlavní nádraží** (red line) and also a tram stop nearby with the same name (trams 3, 5, 9, 15 and 26).

There used to be many problems with the safety there, but since the reconstruction and posting a police guarding point there, the situation has become much better. There are still many homeless people and junkies in the surrounding park, so stay safe.

## BY BUS

“ **UAN Florenc**” is the name of the bus terminal where you will arrive most of the time. It is an equivalent of the **Hlavní nádraží** and they are actually very close to each other (just one stop on the red metro line). The bus terminal has its own metro station **Florenc** (red and yellow line) and a tram stop with the same name (trams 3, 8 and 24).



# Public transportation

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

As aforementioned: to find any specific timetable, use the [public transportation route planner](#). The base of the transportation system is the so called **PID** (Prague Integrated Transportation System). It consists of several zones, but you don't have to worry about that much. Unless your hotel is in outer Prague, you will be OK with one of following short-term tickets:

Validity	Price
30 minutes	24 CZK
90 minutes	32 CZK
24 hours	110 CZK
72 hours	310 CZK

All of these tickets are valid for any means of public transportation (metro, buses, trams and trains, **with the exception of AE bus**) and are limited only by time (you can change any number of times within the time allotment) and **MUST** be validated just once (the 1st time you use it). **Please don't forget to validate.** The ticket inspectors in Prague don't negotiate and having no ticket or not-validated ticket makes no difference; you will have to pay a fine (at least 800 CZK).

The ticket validators are located in the entrances to the metro and inside the trams and buses.

The short-term tickets are sold in most newspaper

shops and in ticket machines at some bigger bus/tram stops and at all metro stations. Please note, that you cannot buy the ticket inside a tram or bus or from its driver. Please note too, that besides the vending machines at the Airport and at the Main train station, all of the other **machines in the city accept ONLY local currency and only coins!**

While using public transportation please watch your belongings and be cautious—in the city centre there are still few organized gangs targeting at robbing “dreaming” tourists. Don’t give them a chance!

## METRO

The fastest and most convenient way of transportation in Prague. It consists of three lines, the **A line** going west-east, the **B line** going southwest-northeast and the **C line** going north-south. All three lines meet at a “magic triangle”, consisting of stations **Můstek**, **Muzeum** and **Florenc**. The operating hours are **5:00–24:00** more or less (also during weekends!).

You will probably encounter the red **C line** the most, as the venue is located literally only a few hundred metres from the final stop **Letňany**.

## BUSES

Buses commute mainly the wider city centre with outer Prague, but there are also some buses in “Inner Prague”. Buses are usually quite full and not very convenient. Please note, that your transportation tickets are valid for all buses with numbers **from 100 to 299** and **500+** (night buses).

You should be aware of the fact, that **some bus stops are on-request** (in Czech: “**na znamení**”). These are usually **marked with a cross** in the timetable behind the stop’s name and bus drivers don’t stop there unless someone pushes the on-request stop button.

## TRAMS

**P**robably the best commuter in the Inner Prague for routes not covered with metro. Trams are usually fast, clean and run frequently. Also some of them offer free Wi-Fi! During the night you can also use the night tram service (lines 50+).

## TAXI

**T**he situation with the taxis has become a bit better recently, but generally it is a bad idea to stop a taxi on the street and/or not agree with the driver on the price before the ride starts.

The fare always consists of the so called **nástupní sazba** (starting fare) *plus* the amount of kilometres *times* **cena za kilometr** (price per kilometer). If you are in doubt whether to trust a taxi driver or not, the starting fare should be CZK 25–40 and the price per kilometer approx. CZK 20. The taxis need to have a functional taximeter.

Some recommended reliable companies:

Name	Telephone
<u>Airport Transport in Prague</u>	+420 728 199 816
<u>Green–Prague</u>	+420 721 111 112
<u>Modry Andel+Speedcars</u> (they just merged)	+420 737 222 333



# GETTING TO THE VENUE

## Venue address:

PVA Expo Praha  
Beranových 667  
Prague

The venue (PVA Expo Letnany exhibition centre) is located in the north end of Prague, “in the fields”, outside of the city centre. It is just a mere 300 metres walk from **Letňany**, the end stop of the **red metro line C**. Unless you take a taxi, your final step of how-to-get-to-the-venue quest will be taking metro to **Letňany**, getting off and walking the remaining 300 metres.

Parking at the venue is easy. There are hundreds of parking slots (2500 to be exact) and the whole day parking pass costs only CZK 150.

## VENUE

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Zoologická zahrada  
hl. m. Prahy

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Quick tip: click on any of the  
boxes to go the landmark's  
description.

# Sightseeing

## TOURIST HOTSPOTS

The city of Prague has always been one of the most beautiful cities in the world, ranked next to giants such as Paris and Rome. The capital of the Czech Republic has had the benefit of avoiding large scale violent political conflict and thus has allowed its ancient architecture to mature very gracefully. Built between the 11th and 18th century, the historic center of Prague is part of the world heritage UNESCO sites and has several key areas to visit.

## THE CLASSIC PRAGUE





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## Staroměstské náměstí

### *The Old Town Square*

One of the most iconic places to visit in Prague, is a large place of gathering, where you will always see people. It houses Prague's astronomical clock, a working mechanical contraption dating back over 600 years, a relic of this country's history. In the centre is the Prague's meridian, by which Prague time was measured before standardization. Also near the Old Town Square there is a building believed to be the birthplace of King Charles IV, can you spot it?

2

## Karlův most

### *The Charles Bridge*



Built in 1357 under the orders of King Charles IV in order to replace the badly damaged Judith Bridge built in 1158. Until 1841 this has been the only means in crossing the Vltava River, making it an important point in trade routes between eastern and western Europe. Today, this gothic stone bridge is for pedestrian use only. With a guard tower at each end of the bridge, this strategic choke point in the city's defence is a living masterpiece as the bridge is littered by baroque statues. From here you have a fantastic view of both castles, city walls and their surrounding areas.



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## Pražský hrad *the Prague Castle*



The world record holder for the largest ancient castle in the world, this 70000 square meter structure (or 18 acres) dates its oldest walls to the year 870. This colossal structure was the seat of power for Bohemian kings, Roman emperors and today Czech presidents. This castle can not only be found on 50 CZK coins, but also in the centre of the city along the river bend leading up from Charles Bridge.

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## Vyšehrad *the Upper Castle*



The location of the other castle in Prague and rumoured to be the location of the first settlements, which later



would become the city of Prague. The castle isn't around anymore, but the basilica still remains as well as fortifications and Prague's oldest standing building. From **Vyšehrad** there is an amazing view on the Vltava River, Prague castle and its surroundings.

## PARKS AND WILDLIFE

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### **Petřín**

*Petrin tower and orchards*



### Website

For the romantics or if you just want a panoramic view of Prague's city centre this is the place to go. A hillside with paths going around various elevations starts at Prague castle with orchards and follows through with a wooded area spanning an area of 500x700m.

On top of the hill there is also a structure, which everyone calls a mini Eiffel Tower, which gives you an even better view of the city. You can ride the funicular up the **Petřín** hill, visit the **Petřín** lookout tower and then go down through these soothing gardens in the centre



of the city. If all that is not enough, then there is also a mirror maze located in there.

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## Stromovka



A fairly large park located right next to the old venue. This place is an ideal location for the sporting type, if you like to go for a jog with several kilometers of various paths crossing each other allowing you to make a fully customized trip. Of course, you could just go and visit this old hunting ground, once used by the ruling families of the area. Their hunting lodge is still located at the south west corner of the park, right on top of the hill. Feel free to check it out.





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## Divoká Šárka

A rocky valley named after a legendary female warrior from Slavic tales, or simply a geological wonder. This area was used as a hunting ground for as long as people have inhabited these regions due to its ambush locations within. Located at the final stop of the tram 26 and 20, a 5 minute walk from the tram stop completely separates you from any city noises, as you walk past cliffs and streams which fill the area. Also located there is a large water basin with beaches (including clothing optional ones). A sheep herd sometimes grazes there.

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## Zoologická a Botanická zahrada *the Zoo and the Botanical Garden*



The Prague Zoo is considered the World's 7th best Zoo. Good thing is that it is not far away from the venue. Just get yourself to **Nádraží Holešovice**, take bus 112 and ride to the final stop. Close to the Zoo there is also the Prague's Botanical Garden.



# DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THE CITY?

## Karlštejn



Founded in 1348, the seat of the Holy Roman empire, this unconquered castle lies just 40km south west of Prague near the town of **Beroun** and it takes just about an hour to get there from the city centre (it is simplest to travel there by train). Built by none other than king Charles IV, it has been upholstered three times and now carries a neo-gothic style. Check the [official website](#) beforehand, because the castle is NOT open for public every day!





## Kutná Hora

The home of another UNESCO site. This place holds several churches with varying styles and the unique monument: **Sedlec Ossuary**. This chapel has been on the grounds of an overused graveyard, where the bones of the deceased have been exhumed in order to make room for fresher bodies. Not knowing what to do with some 40000–70000 skeletons, the decision was made to decorate the chapel with the remains of the deceased. It is some 60–70km from Prague and should take about an hour by car or by train to get there.

## Český Krumlov



This city of 1400 has some of the most beauty this country has to offer, literally second only to Prague itself. This UNESCO site, home of the **Český Krumlov** castle, is located 170km south of Prague (direct buses take about 3 hours). The picturesque narrow streets, the fortification and the Vltava River bending through the city in beautiful curves – **Český Krumlov** is a must for all romantic souls!

# NIGHTLIFE

## 9 Crossclub

Website (switch to Czech version for a lot more options)

Have you been to Crossclub? Located 200m from the **Nádraží Holešovice** station, this is a very detailed steampunk themed electronic music playing club. With an outside patio, several floors inside and constantly something to look at, this place is a must see.

## 10 Karlovy lázně

Website

A 5 floor dance hall with each their own style of music. Just ask a few judge veterans and you may get stories about this place. The club is located very close to the Charles Bridge.

## 11 Dlouhá třída *Dlouha Street*

This would be the clubbing district if Prague had one. Several close proximity night clubs in that area and around their corners. This path leads you from Old Town Square's north east corner to a tram line and one stop (200m) to the **B subway line**.

## Nebe

Website

A small franchise consisting of three locations. This is the place where organised student parties usually occur.



# I'M ONLY WORKING ONE DAY, WHAT ELSE CAN I DO HERE?

## The arcade museum

Website

Games

Let us introduce you with your childhood dream: a massive arcade hall with games dating back to the 70's. For a mere 200 Kc, you have full access to over some 150 different. This place is located some 30km from the venue in the villages outside of Prague and is easily accessible by car due to its proximity to the highway. It is also possible to go there by bus. There is a bus leaving the **Zlicin** station (**B subway line** terminal) every two hours or so.

## Tourist traps

Prague is littered with its selections of museums, escape rooms and other things to do. Whatever your taste in things or interests, there is a strong likelihood that Prague will have it. Look things up or ask a local and make the most out of your journey.

## Skiing in Moníneć

It is wintertime and for those of you, who are interested in sports there is one secret tip. You can ski in Moníneć, a ski resort located just 80 kilometers from Prague (80 minutes by car), it has several slopes for skiers and snowboarders alike. You can rent all the equipment there, buy a half-day or full-day ski-pass and have fun! The best way to get there is to rent a car with some other sport fanatic judges because unfortunately the ski resort is not accessible by public transport. The resort has its own grooming vehicles, which means there will always be enough snow. A 4-hrs ski-pass and snowboard/ski rental costs approx. €28.

# Gastronomy

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**P**rague has many options when it comes to eating. Eating out is relatively cheap, inexpensive and produced relatively at cost. As opposed to many other countries, you can get a decent meal for cheaper than McDonald's. Around 150–200 CZK is a decent meal with a drink (often a beer). Most places that can serve food will offer some form of lunch menu during around 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. for as low as around 100 CZK, which will include a soup, a main meal with a side and a drink.

When eating out or ordering food, a 5–10% tip is expected. Tipping is usual in the Czech republic, because for people working in gastronomy the tips are considerably a big part of their wage. Of course, if you are unhappy with the service, you are not “forced” to give any tip, on the other hand, if the service is amazing, feel free to tip more than 10%.

## EATING AT THE VENUE

**T**he venue itself will have its food stands as well, but since this is a reasonable distance from so called “civilisation”, the prices can be inflated accordingly (still being relatively cheap for many countries, acceptable for others and above average by the locals). The cheapest option is to hit up a grocery store (there is a mall less than 1 km northwest along the main road). Another possibility is, that you can obtain a meal with the Dáma Jídlo service (or any other similar home delivery service). How does it work? You order online, you will be asked for a delivery location and you

will be shown meals from local restaurants. Waiting time is usually between 45 to 75 minutes and meals can be paid either by internet banking or by cash.

## TYPICAL FOODS

When going out drinking, classic small pub food are **Utopenec** (pickled sausage) and **Nakládaný Hermelín** (small marinated/picked aged wheel of cheese). If not too late in the night and the kitchen is still open, then we suggest trying a **Smažák/Smažený sýr** (breaded fried cheese), It is being usually served with fries and tartar sauce and it is quite unique, something simple, that not enough countries seem to practice.

When going out for lunch or dinner, please remember, that Czech cuisine typically consists of heavy foods. You will often have a proper meal and will need some time for it to digest. Here are a few examples of what Czech cuisine looks like:



# SVÍČKOVÁ



Beef sirloin in cream sauce, the traditional and one of the most popular Czech meals. It is sirloin prepared with vegetables, spiced with pepper, allspice, bay leaves and thyme. Boiled with double cream, it is generally served with **houškové knedlíky** (bread dumplings).

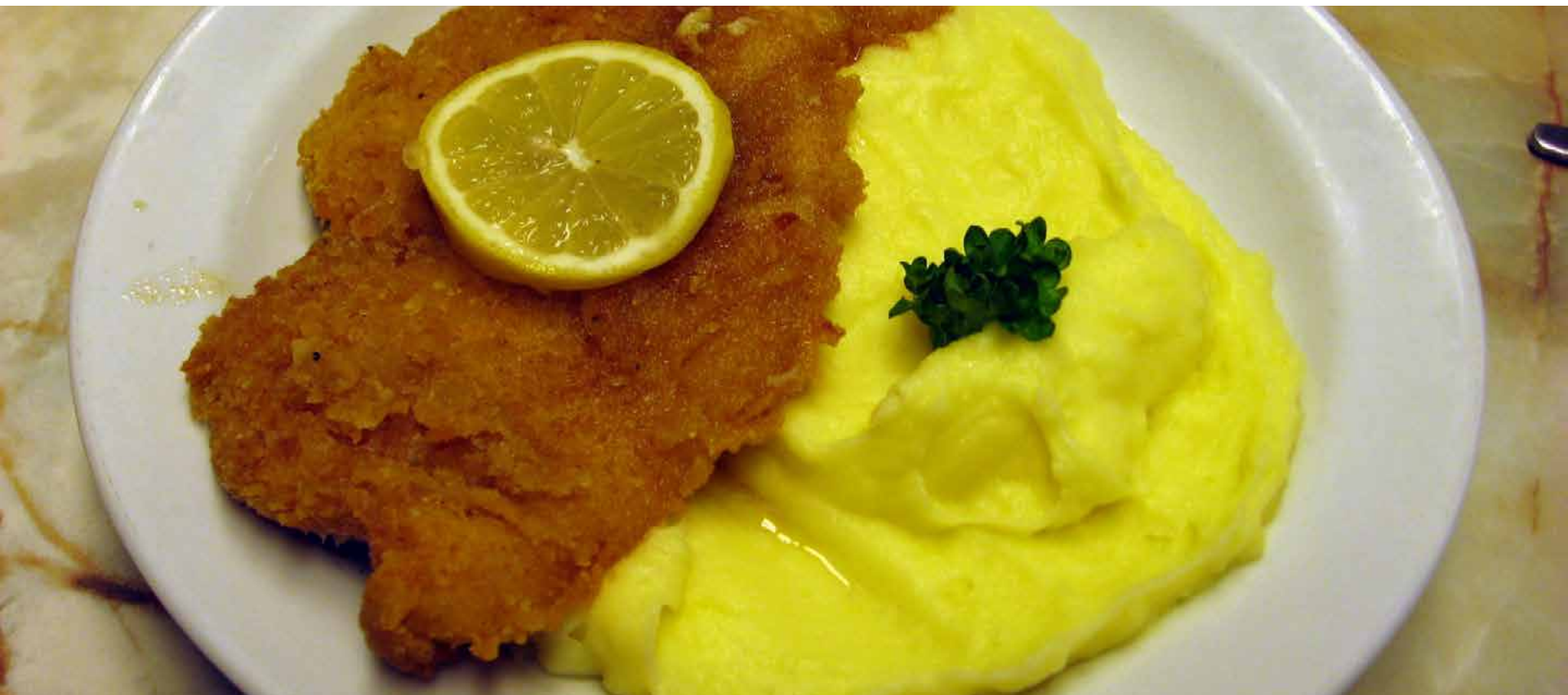
# KNEDLO-VEPŘO-ZELO



A popular meal consisting of roast pork with bread dumplings and stewed cabbage.



# ŘÍZEK



A classic schnitzel usually served with mashed potatoes or some other side.

# TATARSKÝ BIFTEK



Steak tartar is commonly found in most restaurants. It consists of finely chopped or minced raw sirloin beef, a raw egg and a selection of spices and condiments. It is usually eaten on rye bread which is smeared with cloves of garlic that are provided.



# OVOCNÉ KNEDLÍKY



Fruit dumplings, pieces of fruit coated with potato or curd dough and steamed, they are mostly made using plums, apricots or strawberries. They can be topped with wonderful flavours such as breadcrumbs, melted butter, yogurt or a variety of other similar stuff. This is often eaten as a main meal.

# LÍVANCE



A type of thick Czech pancake with its unique flavour and texture.



# Game stores in Prague

There are several game stores in Prague. While some of them focus on Magic as their primary business, others are more board game oriented. If you are only interested in Magic and don't care about other games, then either **Černý Rytíř** or **Najāda** are your best choices as there are usually people playing as opposed to the other stores. All of the following game store websites are only in Czech, but you can use translate function in your browser.

## ČERNÝ RYTÍŘ

### Website

**Address:** Za Poříčskou bránou 21, 186 00 Praha 8-Florenc

**Tel.:** +420 733 517 617

**Email:** [paha@cernyrytir.cz](mailto:paha@cernyrytir.cz)

**Store hours:** Weekdays 12-20  
Weekends 10-19

**Černý Rytíř** is located near the **Florenc** metro station and is quite easily accessible as it's in the middle of Prague. If you intend to buy some cards then this is the place to go since they have the largest selection in Prague. Be aware that while you can trade cards with other players there, it is forbidden to sell them. If you wish to sell your cards to the store, you need to use their website. Their weekly tournaments usually draw a decent attendance so it shouldn't be a problem to find people to play with. There is no Wi-Fi in the store but they have several computers with an internet connection

which can be used only to access the store's website. They do not accept cards for payment, so bring cash if you wish to buy something.

## NAJÁDA

### Website

**Address:** Ondříčkova 2166/14, 130 00 Praha 3

**Tel.:** +420 722 069 709

**Email:** herna@najada.cz

**Store hours:** 12–20

**Najáda** is currently the largest game store in Prague and is located near the **Jiřího z Poděbrad** metro station. While it's not directly in the city centre, it is certainly worth the trip there. **Najáda** offers free Wi-Fi and does not restrict trades between players. They don't accept credit cards either, so bring cash with you. You can play a variety of Magic tournaments there and if you want to try something different, they can lend you one of their board games.

## MEPHIT

### Website

**Address:** Arbesovo nám. 781/14, 150 00 Praha-Smíchov

**Tel.:** +420 604 799 538

**Email:** mephit@mephit.cz

**Store Hours:** During week 13–22  
Weekend 10–22

Mephit is located close to the metro station **Anděl** (**B line**). You can either walk as it's not that far away, or use a tram (line 9, 12, 15, 20) to **Arbesovo náměstí**. This is more of a general game store, which doesn't have a direct focus on Magic. I wouldn't recommend you to go there if you want to find some new people to play with



as it's not likely that you will find someone interested in Magic there.

They organize one weekly draft tournament on Fridays, but I am not sure if they get enough people to play. They only offer sealed MTG product, you won't be able to buy singles there. On the other hand, if you are interested in table top games this should be your choice as it is one of their primary focus. The store has its own Wi-Fi and they accept credit cards.

# Accommodation in Prague

Prague is one of the cheapest GP locations as far as the accommodation is considered. Here you can get 5-star hotels in the historic part of town (Prague 1) for a mere 110 Euros. Most judges aren't here for the luxury and are willing to settle with less than the best and the prices scale accordingly. If you really want to go budget, then finding a hostel for 200–400 CZK shouldn't be a problem, if you want a step up to that, then a pension should cost you around 300–500 CZK.

Here are few things you should consider when looking for an accommodation: The venue is located on the final stop of **metro C line** **Letňany**. Prague is not that large and it has an excellent public transport network, so unless you choose your place to be in middle of nowhere, you shouldn't have any problem to get wherever you want even in the middle of the night. Generally, the best way to get to the venue will be to get to the **C line** and then just sit and wait until you hit the final stop (provided that you are going in the right direction).

Hotels are split into several groups based around how expensive they are. You will also be provided with links for sites where you can do your own research. Some advice is to use [Booking.com](#) as it is easy to find what best suits your needs. If you travel in a big group, then it's better to rent some apartment through [Airbnb](#) as it's usually cheaper and you don't have to split.

# LOW PRICE HOTELS

UP TO €49 PER PERSON, PER NIGHT

## HOTEL KLÁRA

### Website

Is a 3-star hotel located near the city centre as well as the **C line** station **Vltavská**. It offers quick access to the venue as it should only take around 25 minutes to get there from the hotel.

## HOTEL INTURPRAG

### Website

Is a 3-star hotel located on the **B line** station **Českomoravská**. It offers a quick access to the venue and it should take around 30 minutes to get there from the hotel. If you wish to travel into the city centre then it will take around 25 minutes.

## HOTEL ARKO

### Website

3-star hotel located near the **C line** station **Střížkov**. It takes around 10 minutes to get to the venue. If you wish travel to the city from this hotel then it takes around 20 minutes.



# MEDIUM PRICE

€50–100 PER PERSON, PER NIGHT

## APARTMENT JELINEX

### Website

This is an apartment style accommodation. It takes less than 5 minutes to get to the metro station **Prosek** (**C line**) and the travel time to the venue is around 10 minutes from the apartment.

## APARTMENT HEŘMANOVA 1

### Website

This one is closer to the city centre, so if you are interested in the night life you might like it. It is situated close to the **Vltavská** metro **C line** station and is easily accessible both day and night. Travel time to the venue is around 25 minutes.

## PARKHOTEL PRAHA

### Website

If you don't like apartments, then you can try this hotel. It is not directly on the metro line but you can take a tram and be there in a few minutes. The closest stations are **Vltavská** and **Nádraží Holešovice** (both on the **C line**). Travel time to the venue should be around 35 minutes.

# EXPENSIVE HOTELS

OVER €100 PER PERSON, PER NIGHT

## CLARION CONGRESS HOTEL PRAGUE

Website

4-star hotel located directly above the **Vysočanská B line** underground station and is part of a shopping mall **Galerie Fénix**. You can use several bus lines (136, 195) to get to the venue. Travel time should be around 12 minutes.

# Contact info & credits

## CREDITS

This guide was created thanks to a trio of Czech judges: Jan, Tomáš and Georges. Additional graphical work on the guide was performed by Konrad from Poland.

Feel free to distribute this guide to anyone attending the Grand Prix in Prague.



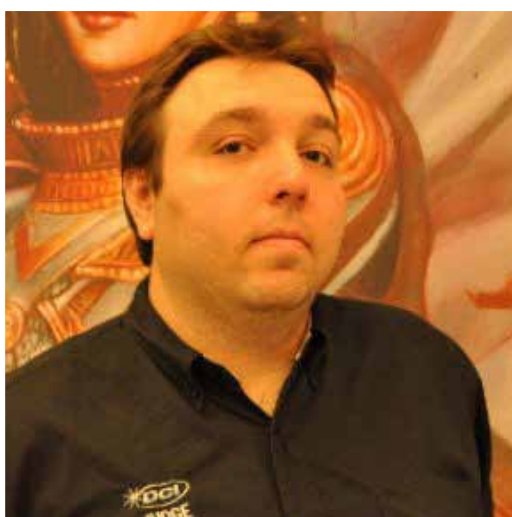
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# CONTACT INFO

**I**f you have any questions regarding your trip to Prague, try asking on the Grand Prix's forum on Judge Apps.

You can also email Jan directly and ask him your specific questions.

For judge-related inquiries, contact the Europe–Central Regional Coordinator, Sebastian Pekala (L3). If he can't help you directly, he will at the very least put you in touch with someone who can help.

Finally, if you ever get lost in Prague or are in need of urgent help, Tomáš has volunteered to take your calls at the following phone number: +420 775 107653. Save it to your phone before leaving.

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