

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Travel information

Getting to Prague <http://www.praha-mesto.cz>

Arriving by Air

All international flights arrive at Prague Ruzyně Airport, located approximately 20 km to the Northwest of the city centre. You can get into the city centre either by a city bus (No. 119, 179 or 100) or by catching a taxi (company Airport Cars FIX) or using the airport minibus shuttle service (white vans of company CEDAZ).

There are several ways you can get from the airport :

For general information on Prague Ruzyně airport, see the Czech Airport Authority website: <http://www.csl.cz>.

1. Take a taxi. The Prices for a taxi journey from the airport into town range from Kč 300 – Kč 870, depending on your precise destination. You will find a price list for the service offered by Airport Cars FIX by the company's stand in the airport lounge. If you decide to use a taxi, make sure you get a written estimate for the cost of your journey from the company in the airport lounge before you set out, since this reduces the chance of the driver trying to overcharge you.

2. Take city bus No. 119 to "Dejvická" metro station (green line A) and travel further by *metro* (subway) to the station Můstek. Charles University is situated and both hotels are only 5-10 minutes walking distance.

3. Take city bus No. 100 – a special fast and frequent service - from the airport to the "Zličín" metro station (yellow line B) and travel further by *metro* (subway) to the station Můstek.

Arriving by Train

International trains (EC, IC) arrive at two railway stations in Prague:

1. The Main Railway Station ("Hlavní nádraží") is situated in the centre of Prague and it is also one of the metro stops (red line C). The walking distance from Charles University and both hotels is 10-15 minutes.

2. Holešovice Railway Station ("Nádraží Holešovice") that is linked with Main Railway Station by metro line C. You can get into the city centre by tube to the station „Muzeum“ what is 10 minutes walk from the university. and both hotels.

Public Transport

The Czech Republic offers an excellent public transport system in every major city, which makes travelling around relatively quick and comfortable.

Travelling on Single-Ride Tickets

Tickets are available from many newsstands and tobacconists, ticket offices in the Metro, and from automatic machines and at selected bus and tram stops. In Prague the 26 Kč tickets are valid for 75 minutes. You may change between trams, buses and the Metro as you wish. You do not need to have a new ticket, regardless of how many times you change, until the time period runs out. Also you can use the Kč 18 one-way ticket for shorter distance. It is valid for 20 minutes in bus or tram and for 30 minutes in metro.

Prague Public Transport

The Metro is the quickest way to travel long distances across the city. It has three lines: A (green), B (yellow) and C (red). It closes down for the night shortly after midnight and reopens at 5.00 a.m. Trams and buses connect the Metro system to outlying areas, and are also a handy way to make short journeys in the city centre. The most efficient form of night transport is the network of night trams that runs from about midnight until the Metro reopens. Night trams run very precisely with a 30-minute interval, and rendezvous with each other at selected stations to facilitate passenger transfers. All night routes begin with the number "5". For further information on public transport in Prague (fares, list of routes and timetables), visit <http://www.dp-praha.cz>, where you will find comprehensive information in English.

Using Taxis

Unfortunately, taxi drivers have quite a bad reputation in Prague. There is no standard price for taxi services, but drivers are required to display their prices, usually on the door. A reasonable price is around 25 CZK per km, but it is a good idea to agree on a price before you commit to a ride, and be sure that the meter is running while you are in the taxi. Three usually reliable companies whose dispatchers speak English are AAA RadioTaxi (Tel. +420-222.333.222; 14014), ProfiTaxi (Tel. +420-844.700.800), Halo Taxi (Tel. +420-244.114.411)

Medical Care and Health Insurance

Standard medical treatment is obtainable free of charge. The health care costs are carried by the chosen Czech health insurance fund. To obtain treatment under the provisions of European regulations it is important to contact a medical institution (doctor, dentist, hospital), that has a contract with the public health insurance system (most of them have, but some institutions are purely private).

Your **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**, form **E111** or Provisional certificate has to be submitted to the attending physician. If you do not have either of these documents, the physician can insist on cash payment.

In order for the doctor to ensure his or her own reimbursement from the contracting Czech health insurance fund, he or she will need to see your EHIC card, Provisional certificate, or E111 form, and will copy the information onto another specific internal form, known as "Potvrzení o nároku" (Certificate of entitlement). The doctor will also need to check your ID document (passport, ID card, driver's license).

If you need to visit a general practitioner, gynaecologist or dentist, you can go to one of the following health centres:

<p>Nemocnice Na Homolce Hospital (foreign pavilion) http://www.homolka.cz/en/ Phone: +420 257 272 144 +420 257 272 146 Praha 5, Roentgenova 2</p>	<p>DC Mediscan - Chodov http://www.mediscan.cz/?page=39&lang=eng Phone: +420 2 67 09 08 11 – 14 Šustova 1930, 148 00 Praha 11 – Chodov (in the same building as Policlinics Jižní Město II) Metro line C, Station Chodov Bus Number 115, 118, 122, 177, 197 - station Chodov</p>
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Emergency Calls /free/

Ambulance	Police	City Police	Fire Brigade	EMERGENCY (for foreigners)
155	158	156	150	112

Public Telephones

Calls can be made from public telephone boxes operating on coins and cards. Call boxes on the street are usually glass structures with yellow roofs, and may be found all over the republic. Phones are also located at metro stations and major post offices. Most call boxes now operate on phone cards (available at newsagents, tobacconists, post offices, department stores, etc.), and students would be well advised to carry one with them. Phone cards come with different amounts of phone-time credit and vary in cost.

Currently three mobile telephone network operators function in the Czech Republic: O₂, T-mobile and Vodafone. For using a mobile telephone in the Czech Republic it is advantageous to use prepaid cards (O₂ Go, Twist and Vodafone karta), which are cheaper than in West European countries.



Some useful websites:

GTS International – ISIC card

<http://www.gtsincoming.cz/>

Czech Airlines

<http://www.csa.cz/en/>

Trains and Buses

www.idos.cz

Prague Information Service

<http://www.pis.cz/>

Prague Public Transport

<http://www.dp-praha.cz>

My Czech Republic – more than a destination guide

<http://www.myczechrepublic.com/>

Outdoor Adventure Education & Czech Culture Course at Charles University

<http://www.ftvs.cuni.cz/outdoorcourse/>

National Library of the Czech Republic

<http://www.nkp.cz/>

Prague City Hall - Prague Information Service

<http://www.praha-mesto.cz>



We wish you a very happy and productive stay at Charles University.

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