

PRAGUE

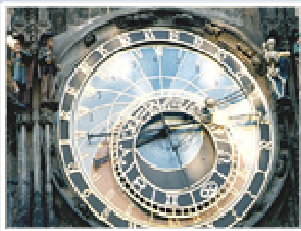
Prague is the capital and largest city of **the Czech Republic**. Its official name is Hlavní město Praha, meaning Prague, the Capital City.

Situated on the **River Vltava** in central **Bohemia**, Prague has been the political, cultural, and economic centre of the Czech state for more than 1100 years.

Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Nicknames for Prague have included "the mother of cities" , "city of a hundred spires" and "the golden city".



The old Jewish quarter: the synagogues and Jewish cemetery

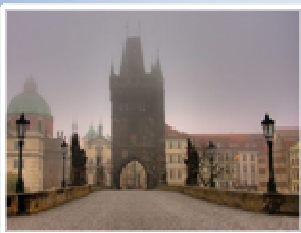


The Old Town Square with the Astronomical Clock (Gothic and Baroque architecture)

Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral

Wenceslas Square, regarded as the Champs-Elysees in Prague

Petrin Hill (accessible by a funicular railway) with the observation tower overlooking Prague



Charles IV bridge, the most visited, but visit it rather early in the morning

The museum of modern art on several levels (attention you must be pay for each floor)

The museum on the old technology vehicles such as cars, locomotives and aircraft

The Letna garden, enjoy a beer outdoors with a view over the city

GET OUT IN PRAGUE

The Prague Spring International Music Festival (Czech: Mezinárodní hudební festival Pražké jaro) is a permanent showcase for outstanding performing artists, symphony orchestras and chamber music ensembles of the world.

Prague Writers' Festival is one of the most lively cultural events in Prague and one of the more notable literary events in Europe.

The Prague Writers' Festival has become over the years an internationally acknowledged social occasion. In 2005 it had its second brief appearance in Vienna, and it has aspirations to expand to New York and Athens. It gains considerable media coverage, and many of the events are broadcast via the internet. Every year several internationally distinguished writers are presented. In the recent past, these have included John Banville, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Salman Rushdie, Irvine Welsh, William Styron and Nadine Gordimer.

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