

PRAGUE Shakespeare COMPANY

# CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

PRECONFERENCE January 6-8, 2019

2019 STA CONFERENCE Prague, Czech Republic January 9-12, 2019

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# **STA 2019 SPECS & WELCOME PACKET**

# **Important Check-in / Check-out Dates:**

Pre-Conference check-in - from 3pm beginning 5 January 2019 Conference check-in - from 3pm beginning 8 January 2019 Hotel Check Out - at 11am 13 January 2019

# **General Conference Itinerary:**

Pre-Conference - 6, 7, 8 January 2019 Conference - 9, 10, 11, 12 January 2019 Optional performances (with purchase of ticket package) - 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 January 2019 Closing Banquet Lobkowicz Palac at Prague Castle - 12 January 2019 *\*transport provided from Marriott hotel at 6:45 PM* 

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# http://www.pragueshakespeare.com/sta2019/2019-sta-conferenceschedule.html

# **Conference Hotel & Venue:**

Prague Marriott Hotel - Address: V Celnici 8, 110 00 Nové Město

Marriott Hotel +420.222.888.888

Deluxe Room - 2.550 CZK - single room occupancy per night\*

Deluxe Room - 2.900 CZK - double occupancy per night\*

\* Price does not include 15% VAT but does include basic internet access and Full American Breakfast Buffet daily \* Special STA hotel room price must be booked by 1 December 2018.

Nearest transit: Náměstí Republiky (Metro line B yellow) Trams # 6, 8, 15, 26, 41, 91, 94, 96 Bus # 207, H1, X8, 905, 907, 909, 911 Nearby Metro: Můstek (lines A green, B yellow)

# **Pre-Conference, Plenary & Prague Shakespeare Performance Venues:**

Divadlo Na Pradle - Address: Pštrossova 201/19, 110 00 Praha 1-Nové Město Click here for transit map from Marriott to Na Pradle

Stavovské divadlo (The Estates Theater): Železná, 110 00 Staré Město Click here for walking map from Marriott to Estates Theater (8 minutes)









# PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

**SCAN and PRINT a copy of your passport** to keep with your luggage in case you lose your passport. If you are stopped and do not have your **actual** passport on your person, you will be fined 2000kč. **PACK** comfortable shoes, warm layers, gloves, hat that keeps ears warm, a compact umbrella. **European electrical sockets are 230V** - you can find **adapters** at Target, etc. in America or buy them cheaper here at Tesco or any electronics store. Hairdryers provided in all rooms.

# TRAVEL / ARRIVAL IN EUROPE - AT THE AIRPORT

**PASSPORT STAMP IN FIRST SCHENGEN BORDER PORT:** Wherever your first stop inside the Schengen Zone (basically continental European airports such as Amsterdam, Paris, Prague, etc.) is where your passport will be stamped. You need only to hand over your **passport which must have at least 6 months validity** before expiration. Have your other print outs on hand (**return flight info, health insurance card**). They will likely NOT ask to see these but if they do, provide any documents they request and tell them you are going to Prague to attend a conference. If you are from the U.S. or Canada your total time in the Schengen Zone under the tourist visa should be well under the 3 month limit allotted. When you land in Prague you will only need to collect your checked baggage and exit the baggage claim area. <u>Click here for Schengen visa agreement explained!</u> If you are traveling from another country make sure you check the visa requirements in advance.

<u>GET SOME CASH BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE AIRPORT</u> from a bankomat (ATM) so you have accessible cash in Czech crowns on you immediately for your trip into the city and to the hotel. Whether you arrive to PRG Terminal 2 from continental Europe or Terminal 1 from non-Schengen countries (US, UK) the ATMs will be on your right after you exit the luggage collection sliding doors. ATM machines often provide the best exchange rates - do NOT change cash with currency exchange offices in the airport or on the street in Prague. You will not get a good rate.

# **Transport Options from the Airport:**

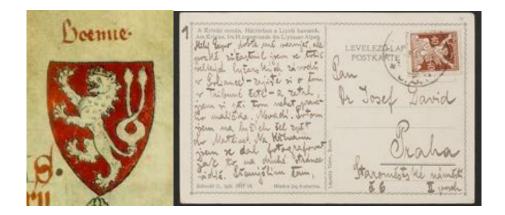
- 1) Across from the ATM's go to the **Fix Taxi stand** show the person the written address, ask how much it will cost. They will call and the cab driver will come in and pick you up at the counter. Make sure you go with the cab driver that the woman in the stand indicates is YOUR driver.
- 2) If you choose to use the <u>UBER app</u> you must enter as your pick up location either: Prague Airport Terminal 2 Departures and meet your driver upstairs at the passenger drop off area OR Prague Airport Terminal 1 and meet your driver across the parking lot from where the taxies line up.
- 3) Public transport tickets can be purchased just before you exit the terminal doors to outside on your right from a large, yellow Jizdenky/Ticket machine with cash, coins or credit card:

119 bus to Nádraží Veleslavín. Exit bus and transfer to Green metro line A. Take Green metro A to Hradčanská station, exit train and follow exit signs towards the tram stop upstairs. From Hradčanská tram stop take the # 8 or #26 to Náměstí Republiky. Exit tram and walk 1 block to the Marriott Hotel. (54 minutes total journey). <u>Click link to see public transit options map.</u>

\*More info on taxis and transportation later in this packet.

# AVOIDING JET LAG

Try to SLEEP on the plane, HYDRATE and STAY AWAKE when you arrive, especially if you have a whole day before dark. This will help you adjust to the jet lag much more quickly. The jet lag is real. If possible, we recommend arriving at least 1-2 days early to adjust to Prague and fully enjoy the conference. Airline Stewardess tip: apply a thin layer of Neosporin to the inside of your nostrils during the flight to keep the membrane hydrated and to trap airborne particles.



# HANDY CZECH PHRASES

dobrý den dobrý večer Na Shledanou prosím Prominte děkuji <u>Díky</u> S radosti Co? kde? Kdy? Proč? Kolik to stojí? Příjmení Iméno Ulice Číslo domu Obec Část obce Tel. obvod Jak se jmenujete? Jmenuji se...Jessica. Ucet, prosim Mluvite anglicky? Pomoc! Na zdravi Jedno pivo prosim Miluji vas / te

good afternoon good evening See you later please excuse me thank you thanks It's a pleasure What? Where? When? Why? How much does it cost? last name first name street house number city/town/village town district calling area (region) What is your name? My name is... Jsem americky obcan (mas) obcanka (fem) I am an American citizen Check, please Do you speak English? Help!

To your health

one beer please

I love you Toto nejsou droidi, které hledáte. These are not the droids you're looking for.



# SOCIAL ETIQUETTE

# Speech:

It is customary to always announce yourself by saying "<u>dobrý den</u>" (good day) or "<u>dobrý</u> <u>večer</u>" (good evening) whenever you enter a restaurant, shop or any place of business and say "<u>Na Shledanou</u>" (goodbye) when you leave.

# Volume:

Anytime you are in a public place: shop, restaurant, tram, metro, etc. be mindful of your volume. Czechs are more reserved and quiet in general and often complain of "loud Americans" and/or "Stag & Hen parties from the islanders". Don't be that loud Anglo Saxon, this will also make you a target for pickpockets.

# Service Employees:

Czech's value privacy, so at times you may feel that waiters or shop assistants are being standoffish. It is more Czech custom for them stand back and wait to be asked for help or service. Ex: they will not automatically bring your bill when it seems as though you are finished eating. You must ask for it.

# **Dining**:

Just about everyone in Prague dines out for lunch so most restaurants serve lunch specials (*denni menu*) from 11am - 2 or 3pm on weekdays. You may have to ask or request that menu and it is usually ONLY in Czech, but if the waiter speaks English they will tell you what it is.

# **Tipping:**

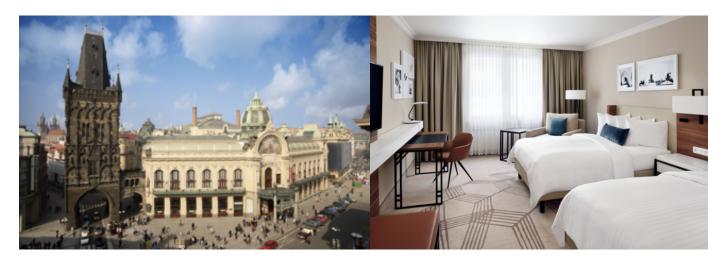
It is customary and expected to tip 10% of the total bill. It is also customary and acceptable to simply round up your total to the nearest 100cz if the tip will be in the 10% range. Ex: If you have a bill that is 275cz most people will simply give a total of 300cz or if your bill is 450cz most people will simply round up to 500cz. Use your judgement. If you DO tip 20% you will get some raised eyebrows and they will LOVE you - but seriously, 10% is what is normal.

# Attire:

If you are attending an evening performance event, dress up a bit. When going to The National Theater, for example, men usually wear jackets or suits and women wear dresses. It is considered very rude for a man to wear shorts and/or sandals in the evening to a cultural event (no matter how hot it is) (except for beer festivals).

# **Pickpockets:**

Prague is a very safe city, but be careful in tourist areas for pickpockets. Gentlemen; it is best to keep wallets in your front pockets. Ladies; avoid open bags. The prime spots for pickpockets are on the trams, escalators of metro, in bars and anywhere near Old Town Square. This does happen – Our company members and visiting artists have been the victims of theft when they were not vigilant about securing their valuables.



#### **Conference Hotel & Venue:**

# Prague Marriott Hotel V Celnici 8 Praha 1 110 00 Nové Město

Phone: +420 222 888 888

Located at Náměstí Republiky (Republic Square) a cobblestone's throw away from The Municipal *House*, The Estates Theater & Old Town Square. Allow yourself to wander and get lost one day. You're in the center of the magic! Directly across the street is the indoor Palladium shopping center if you find you've forgotten something and Náměstí Republiky is one of the main transit hubs in the city with numerous connections. Masarykovo nádraží train station is also one block away if you begin or end your adventure outside of Prague by train.

Download <u>PID Info app</u> to phone for real time transit connections.

ALWAYS Check app or dpp.cz to determine the best route for your exact arrival/ departure date & time. Especially for late night trams and buses!

# From Hotel to nearest metro & tram stop:

(2 minutes walk) From front door turn left and walk to the corner of the street. You will see yellow metro sign. Turn right at Uni Credit Bank to arrive at tram/ bus stop.

#### Náměstí Republiky

Metro line B yellow Trams # 6, 8, 15, 26, 41, 91, 94, 96) Bus # 207, H1, X8, 905, 907, 909, 911) Click for walking map from hotel

to Náměstí Republiky.

#### From Hotel to Divadlo Na Pradle

From Náměstí Republiky take the #15 tram in the direction going across the river directly to the stop called Ujezd. Exit tram at Ujezd and walk 1 minute to Divadlo Na Pradle. (<u>Click here to see walking</u> <u>map from Ujezd tram stop to Na</u> <u>Pradle.</u>)

#### Click here to see total journey.

#### **From Hotel to Estates Theater:**

Turn left out of hotel and walk towards Náměstí Republiky. Walk through the Powder Gate (pictured above far left). Walk 1 block and veer left at the fork in the road at the Cubist cafe onto Ovocný trh. The back entrance of The Estates theater will be directly in front of you. Click here to see walking map. (8 minutes).

### **US EMBASSY:**

Embassy of the United States of America Tržiště 15, Prague 1 - Malá Strana, 118 01 Phone: 257 022 000 Fax: 257 022 809 Website: <u>cz.usembassy.gov</u>



US AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE: Ronalda Reagana 3, 160 00 Praha 6 \*Shuttle bus provided from Marriott Hotel to Ambassador's reception.

# PERFORMANCES & VENUES

# Svandavo Divadlo - Štefánikova 6/57, 150 00 Praha-Smíchov

Theater of personal testimonies. Theater that poses questions and encourages discussion. Founded in 1801. Trams 1, 9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 26, 98, 99 - <u>Svandavo divadlo tram stop</u>, in front of theater.

# Saturday January 5 at 7:00 PM - Buchty a loutky – Vítězné svině

In the great tradition of puppetry in the Czech Republic and inspired by troupes like Bread + Puppet Theater, the company Buchty a loutky present their new work Vítězné svině (The Winning Pig). The performance explores the motifs of various stories by existential Czech philosopher Ladislav Klíma. Grotesque with elements of horror, pure love, and pure hatred. 90 minutes. Part of the 8 Play Theatre Ticket Package.

<u>Click link for map from welcome dinner at U Fleku to Svandavo divadlo</u> <u>Click link for map and transit options from Svandavo divadlo to Marriot hotel</u>

# Divadlo Na Zabradli - Anenské nám. 209/5, 115 33 Staré Město

Trams 2, 13, 14, 17, 18, 93 to Karlovy lázně tram stop, 1 block from tram stop.

# Sunday January 6 at 7:00 PM - Macbeth - Too Much Blood

The Theatre Critics 2017 Award Performance of the Year. 6:15pm escorted travel to the theatre – tram/metro ride and 10 minute walk to the theatre – cost 24Kcz. In simple English with Czech Titles. 110 Minutes with an interval. Part of the 8 Play Theatre Ticket package.

Click link for map and transit options from Marriott hotel to Divadlo Na Zabradli.

# The Estates Theatre (Stavovské divadlo) - Ovocný trh, Praha 1

Where Mozart premiered Don Giovanni. Part of the National Theater and PSC. <u>8 minutes walk from Marriott Hotel</u>. Nearest metro Green line A - Mustek station.

### Monday January 7 at 7:00 PM - The Cremator - Narodni Divadlo

6:30pm escorted travel from the hotel to the theatre – 10 min slow walk. Performed in Czech with English titles. Part of the 8 Play Theatre Ticket Package.

# Friday January 11 at 2:15 PM - MADBETH - A Comic Spree

PSC Artist and TheatreAct (Sweden/India) Artistic Director Rupesh Tillu (Clowns without Borders) presents his award-winning one man clown version of Macbeth. Part of the 8 Play Theatre Ticket Package. Tickets for this production may also be purchased individually upon registration check in and at the door for 300Kcz.

# Friday January 11 at 8:00 PM - Patrick Doyle: Shakespeare in Concert

With the Praga Sinfonietta Orchestra conducted by Dirk Brosse with members of Prague Shakespeare Company at the Estates Theater. Part of the 4 Play Theatre Ticket Package. Tickets for this production may also be purchased individually upon registration check in and at the door for 700Kcz.











# **PERFORMANCES & VENUES**

# Divadlo Bez Zabradli - Jungmannova 36/31, 110 00 Nové Město

Yellow line B Metro station Mustek.

### Tuesday January 8 at 7:00 PM - Much Ado About Nothing (Mnoho Povyku Pro Nic)

Directed by Guy Roberts, Performed in Czech. 2 hours and 15 minutes with an interval. Part of the 4 Play Theatre Ticket Package. Tickets for this production may also be purchased individually upon registration check in and at the door for 500Kcz.

5:45pm – Escorted travel from the Marriott Hotel to Divadlo Bez Zabradli for Welcome Reception and Optional Theatre Performance of Much Ado About Nothing. 12 minute walk

6pm – Welcome Reception at Divadlo Bez Zabradli begins

6:15pm – Escorted travel from U Medvidku to Divadlo Bez Zabradli for Welcome Reception and Optional Theatre Performance of Much Ado About Nothing 5 minute walk.

Click link for map and transit options from Bez Zabradli to Marriott Hotel

# Divadlo Na Pradle - Besední 487/3, 118 00 Malá Strana

Theater, Gallery, Cafe - venue for Prague Shakespeare Company's Sumer Shakespeare Intensive and the STA 2019 Pre-conference

Trams 1,9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, 26, 98, 99 to tram stop called Ujezd. Theater 2 blocks from tram stop.

Click link to see map and transit options from Marriott Hotel to Na Pradle.

### Wednesday January 9 at 9:30 PM - Cry Havoc (Stefan Wolfert)

After six years in the United States Army, after a full blown transition into a classic case of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Twenty years later, using Shakespeare's timeless words, and a few of his own, actor/veteran

Stephan Wolfert leads us on an interactive journey to meet Shakepeare's veterans. He also brings us face to face with one of the most vexing military - and civilian - problems of our time.

Note: all Dine-Around restaurants are close to the theatre. Part of the 4 Play Theatre Ticket Package. Tickets for this production may also be purchased individually upon registration check in and at the door for 500Kcz General Admission and 300Kcz Student/Senior Admission.

### Thursday January 10 at 8:00 PM - Patrick Page - Evil Genius: How Shakespeare Invented the Villain

Broadway Star and one of the world's most acclaimed classical actors, Patrick Page, comes to Prague for a special one-night only performance of his new one man show.

Note: all Dine-Around restaurants are close to the theatre. Part of the 4 Play Theatre Ticket Package. Tickets for this production may also be purchased individually upon registration check in and at the door for 700Kcz General Admission and 400Kcz Student/Senior Admission.









# DINING ON YOUR OWN

Here is a list of some recommended restaurants very near all of our various venues! The link on the restaurant name will take you to the restaurant's website. The link on the proximity to the venue will show you a walking map from the venue to the restaurant.

\*Tip - The waiter will not come to take your order until you have closed your menu. If it is open they assume you are still deciding and give you your privacy. If you are in a time crunch it doesn't hurt to mention when you order - they may recommend something that will come out faster than other menu items.

#### **Restaurants near Marriott Hotel**

\* La Gare - V Celnici 3 - 54m in front of Marriott hotel - modern French brasserie

\* <u>Delmart</u> - V Celnici 1462/10 - <u>91m from Marriott</u> - supermarket and quick cafeteria (closest thing to Whole Foods salad bar in Prague).

- \* Kolkovna Celnice 82m from Marriott, popular Czech restaurant, lots of seating, cheap lunch specials
- \* <u>Cafe Imperial</u> Na Poříčí 1072/15 <u>300m from Marriott</u> beautiful historic cafe & restaurant from 1914
- \* La Bottega Linka Havlíčkova 1680/13 210m from Marriott Italian delicatessen and restaurant.
- \* <u>Portfolio</u> Havlíčkova 1030/1 <u>130m from Marriott</u> fine dining, also has lunch menu.
- \* Potrafina Husa Dlážděná 1003/7 280m from Marriott popular Czech restaurant.

#### **Restaurants near the Estates Theater**

- \* Cafe Elektric basement of the the Kolowrat Palace directly across the street from Estates Theater.
- \* Pizza Colosseum Ovocny try 19 directly behind the Estates fast and reliable, lots of options.
- \* Ugo inside Myslbek shopping center directly behind Estates theater fast salads, wraps and juices
- \* Grand Cafe Orient Ovocny trh 19 190m from Estates also known as the cubist cafe, interesting historic interior
- \* <u>Kogo Havelska</u> Havelska 27 <u>180m to Estates</u> Italian, upscale
- \* Il Mulino 49 m directly in front of the Estates theater Italian mafia cafe and delicatessen
- \* <u>Cafe Cafe</u> Rytířská 10/10 <u>210m in front of Estates theater</u> posh cafe, reservations recommended.
- \* Restaurace U Provaznice Provaznická 385/3 130m from Estates theater typical Czech pub
- \* <u>U Dvou koček</u> Uhelný trh 415/10 <u>350m from Estates theater</u> 400 year old, super famous Czech pub.

### **Restaurants near Divadlo Na Pradle**

- \* Kamparium Říční 9 38m to Na Pradle
- \* Restaurant U Kříže Ujezd 20 150m to Na Pradle Czech restaurant
- \* Czech Slovak Restaurant & Lounge Ujezd 20 150m to Na Pradle
- \* Kalina Kampa Říční 1 160m to Na Pradle
- \* Čistý stůl Vítězná 15 210m to Na Pradle (great food but quite small, not good for groups).
- \* <u>Café Savoy</u> Vítězná 5 <u>240m to Na Pradle</u> famous historic cafe & restaurant with beautiful interior.
- \* <u>Altány Kampa</u> Nosticova 2a <u>350m to Na Pradle</u>
- \* <u>Kavarna Slavia</u> Smetanovo nábřeží 1012/2 <u>650m to Na Pradle</u> (across the river but actually not that far and a CLASSIC place full of history, plus quite spacious)

# TOURS

Discover Prague; its architecture and its history with PSC Associate Artists Jeff Fritz and Derek DeWitt on several tours specially designed for accompanying guests of STA attendees!

# All tours will meet and depart from the lobby of the Marriott Hotel on the designated date and time.

Tuesday January 8 at 10:00 AM - Old Town and Jewish Quarter



Wednesday January 9 at 10:00 AM - Prague Castle and Strahov Monastery



Thurs. January 10 at 10:00 AM - Obecni Dum, Slav Epic, Mucha Museum and Wenceslas Square



Friday January 11 at 10:00 AM - Alchemy Tour and Classic Czech Beer Pub





# CURRENCY

The official currency of the Czech Republic is the **Czech crown** (*koruna*), abbreviated as *Kč*, with the international abbreviation *CZK*. 1 crown consists of 100 hellers (*haléř*), abbreviated as *hal*. Heller coins have not been in use as of September 1, 2008, but hellers are still incorporated into merchandise prices. The final price is always rounded off to the nearest crown value.

The exchange fluctuates daily, current rate is around 1 USD = 22.5 Kč.

<u>XE Currency app</u> is an excellent calculator with real time conversions in multiple currencies.

Coins: 1 Kč, 2 Kč, 5 Kč, 10 Kč, 20 Kč, 50 Kč

Banknotes: 100 Kč, 200 Kč, 500 Kč, 1000 Kč, 2000 Kč, 5000 Kč

• Always change money in a bank or take cash out of **ATM machines**, which are plentiful in Prague and every larger town. ATM machines are a very convenient way to get Czech crowns and ensure the **BEST CONVERSION RATE**.

•Be careful when using money exchange offices. Many of them target tourists, especially in Prague, and you may end up paying a high commission or getting a bad rate without even knowing about it.

# STREET SIGNS & BUILDING NUMBERS

Buildings in Prague have two numbers, one **BLUE** and one **RED**. The blue ones are the orientation numbers - it is the ordinal number of the building on its street. Historically these numbers always started from the end of the street which is closer to a river.

As is normal in Europe, odd numbers belong on one side of the street and even numbers on the other. This allows you to find quickly the house you are looking for. The red numbers are related to the house register of the entire quarter (for example, Staré Město), and thus usually correspond to the order the buildings in that district were constructed. 82 MALÁ STRANA PRAHA 1

Most people do not remember them; if somebody says e.g. the house is in Dlouha str. number 8, they will usually mean the **BLUE** number.

# TRANSPORT

Prague has one of the best public transport systems in Europe. The metro, trams and buses are used by two-thirds of Prague's population and cover the majority of the city and outskirts. The metro makes getting around town a breeze since it enables you to cover long distances in a matter of minutes. If you can't continue to your destination on foot, you'll be able to catch a tram or bus from near the subway station.

To move around town, we recommend using public transport over driving or taking a taxi. The traffic situation in the city center has become pretty bad in the past decade and not many good things can be said about Prague taxi drivers either. If you want a car service, many people in Prague use UBER.

# Trams and metro are on the HONOR SYSTEM. However, if you are caught or stopped without a ticket you will be fined 800Kč and must pay on the spot. Don't ride in the black. Buy a ticket. Proper etiquette to give up your seat and stand if an elderly person, pregnant woman or a parent with young children boards.

**TICKETS** - Single and transfer tickets are sold through yellow ticket vending machines (also in English, coins only), at ticket offices located at some metro stations, at most Tabák/Trafika, Potraviny's, at some newsstands, and at tourist information centers. Some of the newer trams even have machines on the tram where you may swipe your credit card after boarding. You must punch your ticket as soon as you enter the tram or metro. You can also buy tickets using your mobile phone by sending the text message "DPT24" or "DPT32" to the number 902 06. Your ticket will usually be sent to your phone via text within one minute.

#### \* Single ticket (for one use/ short ride)

#### \* Adults: 24Kč, children 6-15 years: 12Kč, children under 6 and seniors over 60: free

This ticket can only be used one time on one type of transportation. It is valid for 30 minutes from validation on trams and busses or 5 stations on the subway, allowing transfers between subway stations (ex: from line A to line B) for up to 30 min. of total time use. This ticket is not valid on night trams and busses and on the Petřín funicular or on ferries.

#### \* Transfer ticket (for multiple uses/ long ride)

#### \* Adults: 32Kč, children 6-15 years: 16Kč, children under 6 and seniors over 6: free

This ticket can be used on any type of public transportation and allows transfers between lines (subway to subway, tram to tram, etc.) and types of transport (subway to tram, tram to bus, etc.) for up to 75 min. from validation (90 min. Purchase via SMS by sending the text message "DPT32" to the number 902 06 26)

#### \* Short-term (tourist) passes

#### \* 24-hour pass: 110Kč, 3-day pass (72 hours): 310Kč

#### \* It is only necessary to validate these passes the first time you use it

Passes can be used on any type of Prague public transportation for the duration of the period for which the pass is valid. Short-term (tourist) passes are sold at the ticket office located at the **Můstek** *B* **metro station** and at tourist information centers.

<u>**Tip: Online Schedules and Connections:**</u> Never miss your tram! You can look up Prague public transport schedules and connections at <u>dpp.cz</u>. Enter the names of your two stops in the 'From' and 'To' fields, the date and exact time you wish to depart/arrive and you'll get results for all types of Prague public transport that connect the two stops in real time.

**TAKING A TAXI** - Prague taxi drivers have a bad reputation. Try and take a taxi that we recommend otherwise they will overcharge you. Anywhere in the center should never cost more than 150 - 300Kč max. *If it costs more maybe you are farther out than you think or they are using the fact that you are a tourist to charge you more.* Do not hail a cab on the street. Be smart and order a taxi by phone or through the app from a reliable and courteous taxi company:

Modrý Anděl - +420.737.222.333 or AAA Taxi - +420.222.333.222

Or, Fair Place Taxi Stands located throughout the city <u>CLICK HERE FOR MAP OF TAXI STANDS</u>. Prague also has <u>UBER</u> ! Download the app and enjoy even lower prices than taxis.



# How to read Tram Schedules:

\* Tram Stop Placards display:

\* name of stop & tram numbers that stop there.

\*Below this info are individual schedules for each tram number:

\*Upper left corner is tram number: ex: 22

\*Stop in bold, underlined is where you ARE. Ex: Národní divadlo

\* All names before this name are where the tram has been, all names AFTER are where the tram will GO next.

\* So if the stop you desire is not listed BELOW the bold, underlined but it IS listed before - it means you are:

--> Looking at the correct schedule but going in the wrong direction. Cross the street and see the tram Schedule Placard for trams going the opposite direction.

\* If the stop you desire is not listed below OR above the bold underlined then you need to check the other tram number schedules that arrive at this particular stop.

\* Bold numbers to the right of the schedule are the HOURS, un-bold numbers following the bold ones are the MINUTES that the tram will pull into that station. Ex: **12** 00 07 12 22 27.... **13** 02 07 12 17 etc etc.

# How to read Metro line and chose correct platform:



\*Color of sign indicates color of line. Ex: Green

\*Filled dot in center with arrows pointing out of either side indicates the station you are at presently.

\*If the stop you desire is to the LEFT of this dot then you go to the platform (direction) to the left.

\*If the stop you desire is to the RIGHT of this filled dot then you go to the platform (direction) to the right.

\* Where the Yellow B and Red C tabs connect to a metro station name this indicates you can transfer to that line from this station. Ex: Mustek is green and yellow line, Muzeum is green and red line.

Night Tram schedules from 12 - 4:30 AM: click here to learn about Prague public transport!



# **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Internet Cafes and Wifi Internet Access:**

Save money calling home by using **Skype**, **FaceTime**, **Whats App**, **etc**. With the expansion of Wifi access, you may be able to access the internet for free at a bar, coffeeshop or a shopping mall food court.

You may also pre purchase a temporary **International Plan** with your local mobile provider. Make sure your data roaming is turned on with this option - especially if you plan to use Uber, Lyft or taxi apps that will need to utilize location services when you are not connected to wifi. If you do not have an international plan turn your phone to airplane mode and enable wifi to use it solely as a wifi device and avoid roaming charges.

If you wish to avoid an international calling plan on your US/ UK cell phones you can purchase a very cheap used cell phone and load it up with pre paid phone cards. The place to do this is the "mobily" store across the street from the big Tesco at <u>Národní třída</u>. Look for the big blue sign with yellow letters: **MOBIL FOTO**. As you enter the shop the cheap used phones are to the right of the first counter in glass cases. All you need is very basic calling and SMS and can probably find an old Nokia for around 250-600 Kč. You pay for the phone at the counter in the back of the store, then walk to the counter in the front of the store to purchase a phone card. It should only be around \$5 to start and activate with which ever provider you chose (see provider info below).

#### Mobil Pohotovost: (MOBIL FOTO)

Address: Spálená 101/37 110 00 Prague 1-New Town, Czech Republic Phone: 224 931 372

#### **Important Local Phone Numbers:**

112 - Emergency Central Number
158 - Police
156 - City Police
155 - Ambulance
150 - Fire Department
1180 - Info about telephone numbers in the Czech Republic
12 444 - Prague Information Services\*

\*A telephone help line provided in Czech, English and German: Tourist information, cultural events, public transport, phone numbers and addresses of companies, stores and services, etc. Mon-Fri 8am - 7pm, local calling rates.

**Telephone cards** to "top up your credit" can be purchased at newsstands, potravinys, tobaccoists (*Tabák*), at the post office (*Pošta*), in department stores, hotels, money exchange offices, etc. Telephone cards are convenient for longer and/or more expensive phone calls (ex: calls abroad). Scratch off number on back, enter into your phone and push the "call" button. This will activate the credit on your phone. You will receive confirmation text message.

**Mobile Phones** - There are 3 main cell phone companies in the Czech Republic with different plans to choose from. Mobil phone numbers have 9 digits and you can determine the provider by looking at the first 3 digits.

T-mobile - <u>www.t-mobile.cz</u> - 603, 604, 605, 730 - 739 Vodafone - <u>www.vodafone.cz</u> - 608, 770 - 779 O2 - <u>www.cz.o2.com</u> - 601, 602, 606, 607, 720 - 729

#### **Calling Abroad from the Czech Republic:**

To call abroad, **dial 00 + country code + national number** of the line being called abroad Ex: to call a number in the US, dial 00 + 1 + area code + local number



#### DOCTOR:

If you are ill or injured and need to see a doctor you can be seen with or without insurance at the Polyclinic as a walk in . All doctors speak English and have been to medical school in America.

#### Poliklinika na Národní

<u>Address: Národní 1010/9</u> <u>110 00 Prague 1-Old Town</u> phone: 222 075 120

Opening hours: 8:30 - 17:30 24 hour emergency: (+420) 777 942 270 nebo Doctor nonstop 1231

Public transport: Green metro A to Můstek

Tram no. 2, 9, 11, 14, 18, 22, 23 to Národní divadlo station

#### **PHARMACY:**

Lékárna (look for the green cross) - located all over the city, go here for medicines only Lekarna inside Quadrio shopping center at Narodni Trida is open on weekends.

#### Tesco, <u>dm</u>, <u>Rossmann</u>:

go here for products (shampoo, soap, cosmetics, lotion) Similar to what you would find at Boots or Walgreens minus medicines. (some also have a Lékárna in them as well for medicines.)

#### Grocery: <u>TESCO in centre of Prague:</u> Národní 26

\*Click here for Tesco home delivery Also look for any: Tesco, Albert, Billa

#### **Potraviny's:**

Small shops located all over the city, where you get smaller items: gum, candy, water, trashbags, tram tickets, phone cards, small groceries and supplies.

#### Fresh Bedynky.cz

Organic (BIO) grocery with full eshop, free bi-weekly delivery in Prague.

#### **Country Life**

Several locations around town: bio shop with vegetarian/bio cafeteria in the back, great lunch prices!

#### ATM/ BANKOMATS:

There are automats all over Prague. You should have no problem finding one.



NEWS/ INFO IN ENGLISH: Prague Daily Monitor

Other helpful sites: <u>www.prague.tv</u> <u>www.expats.cz</u>

Helpful Facebook Groups: <u>Crowd Sauce cz</u> <u>The Haps - Prague</u> <u>Prague Buy / Sell / Trade</u>



# **RESTAURANTS / CAFES:**

These are only a few of MANY... We will send an updated list of restaurants near the hotel in a later information packet <u>Click here for a list of categories to</u> <u>browse all over Prague.</u>

#### Cafe Savoy

Cafe, Restaurant, Vinotheque: gorgeous atmosphere with neo-Renaissance ceiling. Famous for the rich breakfast and dishes from gourmet menu - you can taste the Czech snails or veal sweetbreads. Bakery offers daily fresh confectionery and bakery products. Also has daily lunch menu. A few blocks from Na Pradle. Vítězná 5, Prague 5

#### Café Le Louvre

Best hot chocolate, art nouveau décor (see why Kafka & Einstein used to hang out here) - cheap pool tables. Národní 116/20

#### Café Slavia

Famous revolutionary cafe and restaurant across from the National Theatre. Great views of the river and Prague Castle. Smetanovo nábřeží 1012/2

### <u>U Fleků</u>

Czech brewery and restaurant dating back to 1499. An experience. Křemencova 11, Praha 1

#### **Globe Bookstore & Internet Cafe**

The Globe Bookstore provides an intimate and comfortable atmosphere in the highest tradition of independent bookshops. Ex-pat crowd, computer available. American "drip" coffee avail. and weekend brunch until 3pm. Pstrossova 6, Prague 1

#### <u>Luka Lu</u>

Great Balkan food with cool atmosphere near Na Pradle. Ujezd 33, Praha 1

#### <u>T'Anker</u>

Rooftop terrace located on top of Kotva shopping center. Stunning panoramic view of the city, good food, excellent local beer selection. Kotva - 5th floor náměstí Republiky 656/8

### **BARS / CLUBS**

#### Cash Only Bar

Cozy cocktail bar owned by same folks who run Hemingway's. Less snobby, hotdogs, chips & popcorn. No reservations and cash only. LILIOVÁ 218/3, PRAHA 1

#### The Tavern & U Kurelů

Both in Žižkov. American dinerstyle burgers & shakes with a selection from Czech breweries. Weekend brunch.

#### Bar & Books

British colonial accents, vaulted copper ceilings and the signature book filled library, caters to a well established group of Prague residents and expats; whiskey & cigars. Just off Old Town Square. Týnská 19 Prague 1

#### Nod Cafe Bar/ Club Roxy

A café during the day, a bar during the night, occasionally a gallery and a music club, this all in the experimental space Roxy/Nod Dlouhá 33, Prague 1

#### Cafe Lounge (Hunger Wall Cafe)

Very close to Na Pradle, excellent higher end cafe with breakfast, lunch specials, dinner, organic wines, weekend brunch. Reservations recommended.





# MUST SEE IN PRAGUE: Old Town Square

The city's showpiece square, lined with exquisite Baroque facades and overlooked by the town's famous astronomical clock. Staroměstské náměstí 1/3, 110 00 Prague 1

### **The Jewish Quarter**

The former jewish ghetto contains no fewer than six synagogues, a town hall and remarkable medieval cemetery. Beautiful and powerful. Josefov 110 00 Prague 1 \*ticket valid for 5 days

#### The Charles Bridge

Decorated with extravagant ecclesiastical statues, this medieval stone bridge is the city's most enduring monument.

### **Prague Castle**

Towering over the city, the castle is the ultimate picturepostcard image of Prague. Pražský hrad, 119 08 Prague 1

### **Vyšehrad Castle**

The original Prague Castle and home to the national cemetery. V pevnosti 159/5b, 128 00 Prague 2

# Wenceslas Square

The modern hub of Prague, this sloping boulevard was the scene of the 1989 Velvet Revolution. Václavské náměstí 110 00 Prague 1 Můstek metro station

#### Letná Beer Garden

Amazing panorama view of Prague, perfect on a summer evening. Cross the Čechův most (bridge), cross the street, and climb the stairs that you will see right in front of you.

### The Petřín hill

Lovely park with mini Eifel Tower, hall of mirrors and art exhibit at the top. The funicular that goes to the top of Petřín starts on Újezd street (you can get there by tram 6, 9, 12, 20, 22, or 23 and get off at  $\hat{U}jezd$ )

### **Movies in English:**

\*Select showings with SUB otherwise it will be DUBbed with Czech VO. <u>Cinema City locations at Nový</u> <u>Smíchov & Slovanský dům</u>

<u>Historic Kino Lucerna</u> <u>Bio Oko in Letna</u> <u>Free Sunday screenings at Globe</u>

# MUSEUMS: National Museum

Prehistory of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, collections of rocks and minerals, paleontology, zoology, anthropology. Václavské náměstí 68, Prague 1 Metro A/C or tram 11 to *Muzeum* 

### Museum of Communism

Just a couple of blocks from Marriott Hotel. Interesting glimpse into life in Prague under Communism.

#### **Muchovo Muzeum**

The life and work of Alphonse Mucha, a Czech-French art nouveau painter. In Old Town Square. Panská 7, Prague 1

### Národní galerie

The National gallery, home to many permanent & visiting exhibitions. Part of Mucha's <u>Slav</u> <u>Epic</u> is on display at Obecni Dum (Municipal House).

