



The Golden City

An Innovative Incentives, Inc. Travel Fact Sheet

Helpful Tips for Travel to Prague, Czech Republic



To call home from Prague

Dial 001 for international access, then the area code, and the 7 digit number.

Are you a fan of Pilsner beer?
It's brewed right in Prague!

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The Four Seasons
011 420 221 427 000



Geography & Climate

Situated on the River Vltava in central Bohemia, Prague has been the political, cultural, and economic center of the Czech state for over 1100 years. Neighbored by Germany, Poland, Austria, and Slovakia, the country's central location is reflected in ethnic neighborhoods that bring a wonderful diversity to the city. During your visit in May, the average daily temperature is around 60 ° F. Remember to pack a light jacket and sturdy shoes for trekking over picturesque cobblestone streets.

Currency & Shopping

Currently, the Czech Republic uses the Czech Crown (czk), but expects to convert to the Euro (€) by 2012. The Euro is accepted in larger shops and some restaurants, but most take only the Czech Crown. Czech banknotes are issued in 50- 5000 denominations. You will generally receive a better exchange rate for the Czech Crown in Prague rather than in the U.S. Shops generally accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards. Local currency can easily be obtained with a fair exchange rate by withdrawing it from an ATM machine.

The Old City

Prague's Old City, or Staré Mesto, is a must-see. No visit to Prague would be complete without a visit to the Old Town Square, or Staroměstské náměstí. Located between Wenceslas Square and the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square is often bursting at the seams with activity. Along with the gothic Týn Cathedral and baroque St. Nicholas Church, the most recognizable sight may be the complex and beautiful Astronomical Clock which adorns the Old Town Hall clock tower.

Electricity

The Czech Republic uses a 230 Volts system with two-pin outlets. Typical American electrical devices won't function without a voltage converter and a plug adapter to fit the outlet. These are readily available in travel stores or at large hotels, like the Four Seasons.

Time Zone

In May, the Czech Republic will be observing Central European Summer Time (CEST), like our Daylight Savings Time (DST). The local time will be 6 hours ahead of the eastern United States, which will also be observing DST.

No Smoking Ban

Prague, unlike most American cities and some major European cities, does not prohibit smoking in public areas including restaurants and cafés.