

STUDY ABROAD IN PRAGUE

A little Guide and Information Cheat Sheet









UNIVERSITY

- Several Universities in Prague
- Partner Universitiy of FAU: University of Chemistry and Technology Prague UCT (Czech: Vysoká škola chemickotechnologická v Praze)
- Courses available in Czech and English, choose from English Course Catalogue for exchange students
- International Office and International Exchange Erasmus
 Student Network (ESN) always there for help and questions
- Metro station: Dejvická
- Check out the National Library of Technology right around the corner, interesting design, nice for studying
- https://study.vscht.cz/erasmusplus



ACCOMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

Apply for Student Accomodation

- Shared room (tables, chair, closets, bed)
- 2 rooms share bathroom and fridge
- In Volha building: kitchen outside, shared with whole floor, in Sazava building just shared by connected rooms
- Pillow, blanket and bed sheets provided, only LAN
- Cafeteria, laundry room for each floor
- Supermarkets and gigantic Shopping Centre nearby
- Fitness room available (cheap subscription)
- Accomodation office registers your stay (Foreign Police Reporting Duty)
- Far away from university (~ 30-45 minutes with bus and metro)
- Cheap (~ 130 € / month)!
- Club and pub at accomodation grounds, many student exchange events

Look for own flat/room

- More individual accomodation
- Might be closer to university
- More expensive
- Registration of your stay in Czech Republic on your own
- Several events are at student accommodation and most students live there → need to drive there for more social contact
- Seek help of estate agents to prevent fraud!

Transportation

- metro, tram, bus
- Very cheap student transport pass for duration of 1, 3 or 12 months available, show Student ID card or student status confirmation!







FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

- Sightseeing (St. Vitus Church, Astronomical Clock, Metronom, Charles Bridge,...)
- Classical Concerts
- Museums (Mucha, Kafka, National Museum,...)
- Hobbies (Climbing, Open dance lessons, fitness studios)
- Drinks & Food (Food Markets/Festivals, Cafés, Bars)









SIGHTSEEING

- You can basically go on a random walk and see many beautiful buildings, keep your eyes open
- Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral
 - West of Vltava River, rather in the north of Prague
 - Go in the evening! (less people, great lights)
 - Entry free, tickets sold for specific areals (student discount available)
- Park with Petrin Tower on a hill (Lift can be used to reach the tower)
- Metronom in Letná park
- Jewish Quarter











SIGHTSEEING

- East of Vltava River: New Town with Astronomical Clock (plays every full hour), Several Churches
- Biggest Christmas Market in Winter at New Town
 Square, several small ones scattered in whole Prague
- Slightly outside Prague city centre: Vyšehrad with neo gothical church, amazing view on river and city
- Visit Rudolfinum and Museum of Decorative Arts
 Building for more great architecture









Pictures: Sandra Sitner



SIGHTSEEING

- John Lennon Memorial Wall (has been painted over white again, new graffiti now)
- Charles Bridge connecting Old and New Town, visit by day and night! (count the statues:D)
- Smallest "road" (narrow staircase, traffic lights needed for ascending/descending)
- Many many more, e.g. pissing statues in front of Kafka Museum...but find out for yourselves









CLASSICAL CONCERTS & MUSEUMS

- Take chance to see and listen to one of many, not expensive classical concerts at Municipal House or in one of the many "churches" (Clementinum/Clementinum Mirror Chapel, Spanish Synagogue, …)
- Visit Ballet, Opera or Theatre performance at National Theater amongst others
- Visit City Library and look inside the book tower
- National Museum (Reconstruction, reopened October 2018)
- Mucha Museum (Art Nouveau), Kafka Museum (about his life mostly; letters, installations), ...





*no registration, participation does not have to be regularly, donation or cheap fee paid for only the class visited on that evening ~4 €, e.g. at https://bohemiansalsa.cz/kurzy/openclass/salsa-openclass-english/

HOBBIES & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Dancing: not only in the clubs but also during dance lessons. Open Dance lessons e.g. for salsa every week by several Dance Schools (leaving small donation*, weekly participation not required) or regular classes (subscription, following classes based on previous ones)
- Climbing in Prague and near Prague (inside and outside), skiing in winter, Ice Skating
- Curious bookshop (Shakespeare Bookstore with new and second hand books)
- Workshops and guided tours offered by several groups and institutions:
 - UMPRUM: Workshops (e.g. book binding), Museum tours; free of charge, for exchange students only
 - Prague Hangout Friends: Guided Tours around Prague (World War II, Communist Tour, many historical information given!), Trips to other cities around Prague and Czech Republic, Beer Meetings, Beer Brewing
 - Go Out Prague: many trips to surrounding cities and capital cities in neighbouring countries
- Trips with Exchange Erasmus Student Network



Picture: Sandra Sitner, Rock Café; Band playing: DOT



HOBBIES & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Many bars, often full. For special experience: Black Angels
 Bar near Astronomical Clock
- Usual clubs among students: Chapeau Rouge, MischMasch, depends on your liking
- Live music in Rock Café (do not confuse with Hard Rock Café, though there is also one in Prague) and Vagon Music Pub & Club
 - for free or little entrance fee
 - See bands performing in Rock Café or spend time in the bar area and just enjoy beer, very reasonably priced gin tonic or other beverages (e.g. "Radler" made with elderflower lemonade)
 - Vagon has discounts for students with ISIC student card









DRINKS & FOOD

- Lots of modern, cute or original and charming cafés
 - A maze in Tchaiovna (read like,,amazing Tchaiovna") serves a variety of chais, mixed furniture and lots and lots to find there, e.g. room behind a wardrobe
 - Cafés in old and unpolished rooms and extremely nice staff like
 Café Letka
- Compared to past few years, number of restaurants offering vegetarian and vegan food growing and also whole menues for people intolerant to gluten

Where to grab coffee/tea/a bite after classes or with new friends:

https://www.facebook.com/yeskafestudio

https://www.facebook.com/kavarnapodlipami/photos/?ref=page internal

https://www.tchaiovna.cz/ https://www.cafeletka.cz/

gluten free food

https://www.alriso.cz/en/

https://www.svejk-restaurant.cz/

and many more...











DRINKS & FOOD

- Different Food Festivals throughout the year, e.g. Coffee
 Festival in autumn with workshops, talks and coffee tasting
- Christmas Market with lots of food booths
- Sold at every corner but not actually Czech: Trdelník (Sweet Pastry baked on a stick and with filling such as fruit, chocolate or ice cream)
- Try the goulash (if possible)!
- Eating outside of city centre a lot cheaper but just as good
- Sometimes student discounts, e.g. 2 meals for 1 at Pizzeria Einstein (student card necessary!)







OUTSIDE OF PRAGUE

- Kutná Hora (dt. Kuttenberg) –Bone Church, formerly rich town due to silver mining and origin of the Prague groschen, towncenter is UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Karlovy Vary (dt. Karlsbad)
- Plzeň (dt. Pilsen)
- České Budějovice (dt. Budweis)
- Brno (dt. Brünn)
- Národní park České Švýcarsko (dt. Böhmische Schweiz) and many more hiking, climbing or skiing possibilities



TIPS & TRICKS — USEFUL LINKS

- Public transport: When friends or family are visiting on the weekend, get them several 1or a 3-day public transport pass in advance, it has to be stamped to validate it. https://pid.cz/en/travelling-around-prague/
- Bring (digital) pass photos if you happen to have them at hand. You will need at least one for you ISIC student card and can avoid the long queue for getting your "mugshot" taken.
- Don't forget your LAN cable if you want to stay at the dorms! WIFI available in the lobby
- Also don't forget to bring your own dishes

- Erasmus student network UCT Prague –
 news for exchange students,
 announcements, currently also Covid-19
 updates and info about regulations:
 http://esnuct.cz/,
 https://www.instagram.com/esnuctprague/?
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- Prague Hang-out Friends just do it! You will learn a lot about Prague, find many new friends from all over the world and get contact to locals:

https://www.facebook.com/Prague-Hangout-Friends-1963250537232470/?ref=page_internal