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- **Old Town Hall – Old Town Square 1, Prague 1**, daily 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Guide Office – Mon – Fri 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sat+Sun 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **Na Můstku – Rytířská 12, Prague 1**, daily 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **Wenceslas Square – corner of Štěpánská St., Prague 1**, daily 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (until 14. 3. 2017 closed)
- **Václav Havel Airport Prague Terminal 1 (arrival hall)** daily 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Václav Havel Airport Prague Terminal 2 – daily 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Old Town Hall Tower**
While the Town Hall's interiors, the astronomical clock and the twelve apostles will remain available for viewing as usual, the popular tower with the panoramic gallery will be closed from 1 April 2017 until late autumn. To compensate visitors for the unavailable view, tickets to the Old Town Hall will be valid for access to the tower of the New Town Hall in Karlovo náměstí / Charles Square.

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Easter Guided Tours

Come take a special **Easter guided walk of Prague**, in which we'll take a look not only at the beauty of the Old Town but also at Easter celebrations in Prague and the traditions associated with them. We'll learn why the Wednesday before Easter is called "ugly", why Thursday is green, what was baked and eaten in Prague, and how a proper Easter carol was performed.

- Date:** Friday, Apr. 14 and Saturday, Apr. 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- Meeting Point:** Old Town Hall – Tourist Information Centre
- Route:** Old Town Square – Basilica of St James – Powder Tower – Estates Theatre – Church of St Giles – Melantrichova Street – Church of Our Lady of the Snows
- Price:** CZK 300 / person
- Organized by:** Prague City Tourism

In recent years, Prague's coffee scene has moved forward by leaps and bounds. Stylish new cafés, explicitly focused on speciality coffee and its processing, have made their appearances alongside fixtures on the scene with long traditions. Our guide, featuring short descriptions, lots of photos, and practical maps on its 50 pages, will introduce you to the current coffee house scene in Prague.



The booklet is free and can be picked up at our information centres or downloaded from the web at www.cafes.prague.eu.

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Get to Know: SMÍCHOV Post-Industrial, Surprising, and Diverse



The Golden Angel – a commercial complex at Smíchov, designed by Jean Nouvel.

More than ever, the Smíchov of today is a perfect reflection of its name – there's nothing at all funny about it ("smích" means laughter), but rather it's a place where people, architectural styles, and landscape features mingle ("smíchat" in Czech). This surprising, lively district on the left bank of the Vltava now only offers the occasional glimpse back to its industrial roots. Baroque, Art Nouveau, and Neo-Renaissance exist here in symbiosis with modern buildings; office buildings are interspersed with beautiful parks with views; long-time residents go about their daily business amongst shopaholic visitors and employees of multinational companies with their headquarters here.

Begin your walk through Smíchov at the former Count Kinský Gardens, one of the most beautiful, yet lesser known Prague's parks. Its hilly terrain is criss-crossed with winding paths leading across the Petřín Hill all the way to the Prague Castle. You'll find a number of romantic niches here – ponds with artificial waterfalls and a plethora of views of the Old and New Towns and of Smíchov itself. The park's dominant feature is the charming **Musaion** summer palace featuring an exposition dedicated to Czech folklore and traditions. Higher up the slope stands the timber **Church of the Archangel Michael**, brought here in 1929 by train from Ruthenia as a gift for the newly-opened ethnographic museum. The interior is open only during Orthodox services, held every Sunday at 10 a.m. The Kinský Garden is a favourite destination for families with children. There are two playgrounds here – one, with slides, can be found on the hill near the Orthodox church, and the other lies near the entrance gate at the Kinský Square (Kinského náměstí).

Somewhat smaller is the nearby **Park Sacré Coeur**. It's worth a trip if you'd like to view Prague from above, have a picnic, or work out in the outdoor fitness area. Kids will enjoy the ingenious climbing structures and long slides.

Office buildings, entertainment, and shopping can all be found around the **Anděl** metro station. The area gets its name from the building called **The Golden Angel** (U Zlatého Anděla), which corner was adorned by frescoes. The Ringhoffer family built an extensive industrial complex here and was the largest manufacturer of trains and trams in the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. At the end of the 20th century, these factory buildings were torn down and replaced with the **Nový Smíchov** shopping centre and multiplex and the **Zlatý Anděl (Golden Angel)** corner building, designed by Frenchman Jean Nouvel. The building's glass facade is decorated with figures of angels and excerpts of works by authors who worked in Prague – Franz Kafka, Rainer Marie Rilke, Gustav Meyrink, and Guillaume Apollinaire.

A couple hundred meters away lies the unassuming **Bertramka** homestead, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's residence during his visits to Prague. It was here he wrote his most famous opera Don Giovanni, which premiered under his baton at the today's Estates Theatre in 1787. Mozart's hosts, the Dušeks, were buried in the nearby **Lesser Town Cemetery**

RECOMMENDED BUSINESSES

Kavárna co hledá jméno (Stroupežnického 10)
A group of enthusiasts have breathed new life into an old carpentry workshop, transforming it into a busy café with a gallery focusing on young artists. Homemade goodies are complemented by the offerings of pop-up bistros.

Kofárna Café (Zborovská 60)
Embark on a journey through the world of coffee with beans from a local roaster. Their tempting selections of cakes and fresh sandwiches are also hard to resist.

ČeskaKavárna Portheimka (Štefánikova 12)
A cosy café with its own roaster in the Portheimka Summer Palace invites you to sit on its outdoor terrace.

Bejzment (Lesnická 8)
If you'd like to get a taste of America, you've come to the right place. Its original burgers come highly recommended by Jack Daniels himself as well as bikers from the Harley Davidson Prague.

Prolog (Nádražní 108)
An elegant bar with an Art Deco-style interior serves original and classic cocktails from exclusive spirits. Caviar, oysters, and steaks are available even after midnight.

Modrý zub (Stroupežnického 14)
Take a gastronomic excursion to sunny Thailand. Popular Modrý Zub ("Bluetooth") bills itself as the best place in Prague to get "real, authentic Thai food".

Wine Food Market (Strakonická 1)
You'll not only eat well, but also buy well at this specialized Italian marketplace with a fishmonger. In the evenings, it's usually busy, in a pleasant Italian way.

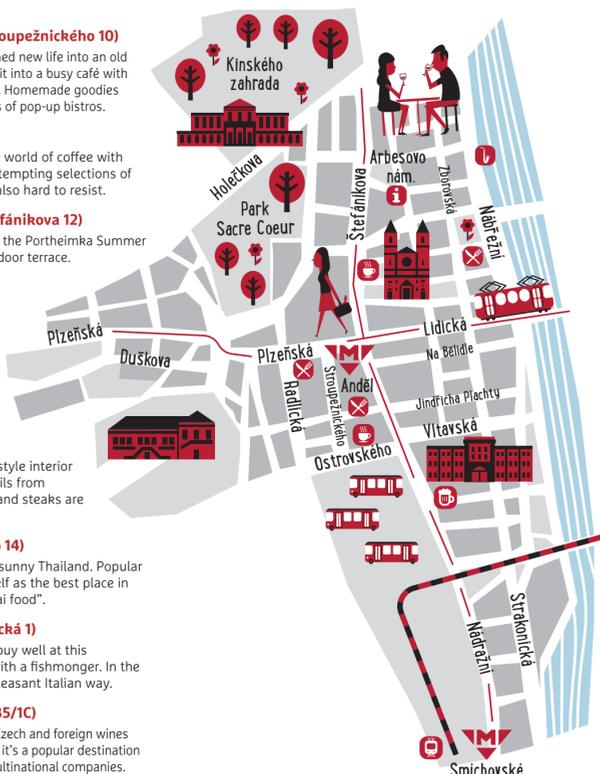
Vinograf Anděl (Radlická 3185/1C)
An informal bar where you can try Czech and foreign wines along with small bites. After 5 p.m., it's a popular destination for employees of the many local multinational companies.

Home Kitchen (Radlická 3185/1B)
You'll feel right at home in this casual bistro. The lunch menu offers traditional Czech dishes, including sweet ones, as well as popular open-faced sandwiches and salads. Great coffee.

Manú Risto & Lounge (Dětský ostrov 25)
Luxury restaurant on the Vltava riverbank that will dazzle you with its Mediterranean cuisine. Equally dazzling is the view of the Vltava, the Dancing House, and the waterfront.

Railway Kingdom (Stroupežnického 23)
Children and adults alike will be thrilled by the two floors of model railways, including an ever-growing model of the Czech Republic with replicas of historical cities, castles, and other monuments.

Antikvariát Anděl (Stroupežnického 32)
Antique bookshop located in a former synagogue offering books of all genres, as well as graphics and rare prints.



Nový Smíchov Shopping Center (Plzeňská 8)
Here you can buy almost anything – food, clothes and accessories, books, and electronics. On the top floor, you'll find a Cinema City multiplex.

Lanovka NH Hotel Prague City (Mozartova 1)
One of the lesser known attractions of Smíchov is its funicular, which will take you free of charge from the hotel lobby up to the top of Mrázovka Park.

Prague City Tourism (Arbesovo náměstí 4)
Stop by Prague City Tourism's headquarters for free city maps and thematic brochures. At the reception, you can buy souvenirs.

(**Malostranský hřbitov**), along with other personalities of the 18th and 19th century music life in Prague. The cemetery is considered to be one of the loveliest in Prague.

Another significant structure in Smíchov was the **Portheimka** summer palace. The building, once the residence of architect Kilian Ignac Dientzenhofer, designer of some of the most beautiful Baroque churches in Prague, now houses an art gallery and venue for classical music concerts. Nearby, the majestic towers of the 19th century Neo-Renaissance **Basilica of St Wenceslas (Bazilika sv. Václava)** rise to the heavens. A bit farther upstream along the Vltava sprawls the largest industrial brewery in Prague, named for the local lager, **Staropramen**. Beer has been brewed here since 1869 and its history and taste are best experienced in the brewery's visitor centre. The **Smíchov Embankment** is also worthy of attention – with spring comes a new season of regular food festivals. And from here, you can plan your excursions to other parts of Prague.



FUTURA (Holečkova 49)
FUTURA Gallery focuses on works by domestic and international contemporary artists. In its courtyard, you'll find a permanent installation of David Černý's Brownnosing.

Radlická Kulturní Sportovna (Za ženskými domovy 5)
This former railway station building is today an attractive destination for young and old who like music, sports, theatre, and shopping at design markets.

Jazz Dock (Janáčkovo nábřeží 2)
A club tuned to the rhythms of jazz and blues sitting virtually on the surface of the Vltava River. Not only will the music put you in a good mood, but so will the drinks from the bar.

HOW TO GET THERE

Metro B – Anděl or Smíchovské nádraží

Trams 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21 (night lines 54, 58 and 59)

Would you like to take a stroll through Vinohrady or other Prague districts outside the centre, discover their charm and enjoy scenic views? Then pick up a copy of our brochure **Five Prague Walks**, which is available for free in our visitor centres, or download it from our website www.prague.eu.

Six Tips for (A Bit Alternative) Culture

Sometimes it can be a bit of a challenge to orient yourself in Prague's cultural life. Here we offer you some tips for places that at times stand outside the mainstream – places where the Muses never sleep...

Jatka78
The Prague Market (Pražská tržnice) (halls 7 and 8) / Bubenské nábřeží 13, Praha 7 – Holešovice / www.jatka78.cz
A multifunctional space on the site of a former slaughterhouse that has very quickly earned itself a place on Prague's cultural map. In addition to a theatre, there's also a gallery, a bar, and a training hall. Jatka78 has become the home stage for **Cirk La Putyka**, a professional new circus troupe. This genre blurs the line between acrobatics, modern dance, and sports. New circus performances are characterized by their professionalism, themes, stories, and ways of communicating.



House of Photography (Dům fotografie) Revoluční 5, Prague 1 – Staré Město / www.ghmp.cz
This "big little" building, administered by the Prague City Gallery, is somewhat unjustly overshadowed by other galleries and visitor interests. Which is a shame, because the exhibition projects focusing on presenting Czech and world photography are very well conceived. Currently visitors can view a **cross-section of the photographic work of Karel Kuklík**, who combines elements of informal, abstraction, and surrealism into compelling compositions.

MeetFactory Ke Šklárně 15, Prague 5 – Smíchov / www.meetfactory.cz
A hotbed of Prague alternative culture and incubator for original artistic ideas, MeetFactory is a club, theatre, and gallery all in one. Its success is due to the efforts of renowned **Czech artist David Černý**, who contributed to its unmistakable form. The music selections draw primarily on the international independent music scene and the theatre programme features interpretations of contemporary prose and experimental interdisciplinary projects. In the gallery, visitors can take in original curatorial projects, installations, and site-specific projects.

VNITROBLOCK Tusarova 31, Prague 7 – Holešovice / www.facebook.com/vnitroblock
In recent months, Prague's Holešovice district has transformed into an epicentre of creative businesses to which people will travel half the city to visit. A fresh example is **VNITROBLOCK** – a novel multifunctional space with an industrial atmosphere where you can grab some coffee, buy original clothing and design objects for your flat, or take in an interesting contemporary art exhibition. They also hold occasional shows of new fashion collections and various workshops. Considering that the project has only been in existence for a few months and is continuing to grow and develop, we think that this year we – and you! – have something to look forward to.

DOX Poupětova 1, Praha 7 – Holešovice / www.dox.cz
"In an age when growing numbers of people tend to think dangerously alike, art's capacity to suspend, even for a moment, our habitual ways of seeing, may well prove to be of its greatest value." The gallery's motto suggests quite a bit about its profile. Through exhibitions of contemporary international and Czech art, DOX addresses current issues, and discussions on these issues are further developed by accompanying events and educational programmes. The building's conversion from an old factory into a multifunctional space is an example of exceptional world-class architecture, as evidenced by its nomination for the prestigious **Mies van der Rohe Award**. In addition to its extensive exhibition spaces, there's also a café, a bookstore, and a design shop. New to the DOX is its wooden **rooftop zeppelin Gulliver**, which is primarily a meeting place for contemporary art and literature.

La Fabrika Komunardů 30, Praha 7 – Holešovice / www.lafabrika.cz
This multipurpose cultural space in Prague's Holešovice district came about through the interconnection, reconstruction, and completion of a number of early 20th century factory buildings. Its originality is imprinted in its theatre projects, which balance on the edge of new circus, physical and movement theatre, and various experiments.

Prague's Blooming Oases

Experience the magic of Prague in spring, when its gardens and parks awake from their winter sleep and showcase their colourful beauty. Here we offer you four tips on where you can reliably find it.

The **Květnice** garden at the top of Petřín Hill is a popular destination for lovers. Behind an unassuming iron gate hides a plethora of rhododendrons, buttercups, scillas, azaleas, tulips, and tender forget-me-nots. It lies within easy reach of the Štefánik Observatory, where you can head after sunset to admire the night sky.

Another charming spot that you can stop and see while wandering through the Lesser Town is the **Vojan Gardens**, which can be entered from U Lužického semináře street. Originally a monastery garden, you'll be greeted here by fragrance of pear, apple, and magnolia blossoms. Quietly observe majestic peacocks strolling around under the trees.

The **Charles University Botanical Gardens** at Albertov are adorned in spring with crocus and narcissus, as well as rare Japanese primrose, magnolia, and bitter-orange. The greenhouses here are great for excursions to exotic climes – in their exhibition of tropical and sub-tropical climates, you can see coffee and cinnamon trees.

The flora at the **Botanical Gardens** in Troja will take you on a journey to nearly all the continents. Stroll through the Japanese meditation garden, take a look at plants typical for the Mediterranean, or explore the forests of East Asia and North America. You'll also find plants typical of North American prairies and steppe climates. In March, there will be an exhibition of orchids, and in April, stroll amongst colourful freshly-hatched butterflies in the Fata Morgana greenhouse.



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EVENTS PLACES INSPIRATION

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We've put together a selection of the most interesting events taking place in Prague from March to early June 2017. Dozens of others can be found on our website at www.prague.eu, as well as details regarding programmes, tickets, and more.



Prague Spring 2017 © Dynamo Branding & design

Prague Spring May 12 – June 2 / Municipal House, Rudolfinum, and other locations / Prague

International music festival offers 45 concerts appealing to both lovers of big orchestral sounds as well as admirers of chamber music. You'll hear not only contemporary works, but also those that have stood the test of time. The festival traditionally opens with Smetana's *Má vlast* (My Homeland), this year performed by the **Vienna Philharmonic**, conducted by **Daniel Barenboim**. This year's festival includes performances by the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra**, violinist **Maxim Vengerov** and **Orchestre de Paris**, conducted by **Thomas Hengelbrock**. Krzysztof Penderecki will close out the festival with his own symphony *Seven Gates of Jerusalem*. An open-air broadcast of the festival's opening concert will be held on the Kampa Island on May 12th at 8.00 p.m.

FINE ART

Too Many Teeth: Czech and Slovak Art of the 60's from the Collections of the Zlatá Husa Gallery and Museum Kampa
until Apr. 23 / Kampa Museum / U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1 – Lesser Town

The Sixties played probably the most significant role in the development of Czechoslovak art after WW2. The exhibition features works by key artists of the era.

František Skála: Riding School
Mar. 10 – Sept. 3 / National Gallery in Prague – Wallenstein Riding School / Valdštejnská 3, Prague 1 – Lesser Town

The exhibition presents thematic series and cycles, light installations, as well as an artefact created specially for the Riding School. The presentation principle is based on originally conceived pavilions.



František Skála, A Surveyor, 2011© National Gallery in Prague

Prague Vedute of the 18th century
Mar. 15 – June 4 / Prague City Museum – main building / Na Poříčí 52, Prague 8 – Karlín

Presentation of prints with views of Prague from the 18th century.

Eberhard Havekost: Content
Apr. 5 – July 2 / Rudolfinum Gallery / Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1 – Old Town

Eberhard Havekost is a leading figure of the new generation of painters who consistently use a digital, multimedia visual language. Recurring motifs in his work include nature, portraits and human figures, architecture, as well as various forms of transportation – caravans, cars, and airplanes.

Gerhard Richter: A Survey
Apr. 26 – Sept. 3 / National Gallery in Prague – Veletřní Palace / Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7 – Holešovice

Richter's first retrospective exhibition in Central Europe. More than fifty pieces will take visitors through Richter's multi-genre oeuvre – from realism to naturalism, pop art, conceptual art and abstraction. The exhibition highlights Richter's painting styles centred around the theme of "history" – not only the history of Germany, but also of the artist's family and art itself.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Czech Philharmonic – Joshua Weilerstein
Apr. 8 / Rudolfinum / Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1 – Old Town

American conductor Joshua Weilerstein conducts the Czech Philharmonic as they perform excerpts of works by Stravinsky, Mozart, and Beethoven.

Czech Philharmonic – Katia and Marielle Labèque, Semyon Bychkov
Apr. 19–21 / Rudolfinum / Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1 – Old Town

Sisters Katia and Marielle Labèque are undoubtedly the most famous piano duo in the world. Their career began with their recording of Messiaen's *Visions de l'Amen*, and since that time they've inspired many contemporary composers to create works for two pianos.

Pretty Yende
Apr. 20 / Municipal House – Smetana Hall / nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1 – Old Town

Charismatic South African soprano Pretty Yende returns to the Czech Republic, where she met with great success at the beginning of her career.

Gustav Mahler – Symphony No. 3
Apr. 26 and 27 / Municipal House – Smetana Hall / nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1 – Old Town

Mahler's Symphony No. 3 as performed by the Prague Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by the Prague Philharmonic Choir and a children's choir.

Information about Easter concerts you can find in the Easter section of this brochure or at our websites.

OTHER MUSIC GENRES

Parkway Drive – Asking Alexandria – Stick to Your Guns

Mar. 29 / Forum Karlín / Pernerova 53, Prague 8 – Karlín

Parkway Drive is coming to perform for their Czech fans along with Asking Alexandria and Stick To Your Guns. This heavy metal charge representing three continents brings their biggest production and indoor show to date, featuring extensive lighting and pyrotechnic show.

Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds
Apr. 2 / Forum Karlín / Pernerova 53, Praha 8 – Karlín

Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds are going to present the essence and story of many of their songs.

Vojtěch Dyk and the B-Side Band
May 10 / Forum Karlín / Pernerova 53, Prague 8 – Karlín

You'll hear primarily their new jazzy repertoire – both original compositions as well as the greatest international hits as arranged for the B-SIDE BAND.

Deep Purple
May 22 / O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Vysočany

British group Deep Purple, inducted last year into the Rock

Joyce DiDonato
June 10 / Municipal House – Smetana Hall / nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1 – Old Town

Renowned American mezzo-soprano accompanied by Il Pomo d'Oro conducted by Riccardo Minasi.



and Roll Hall of Fame, will make a stop in Prague as part of their Long Goodbye tour.

Depeche Mode
May 24 / Eden Arena / U Slavie 2a, Prague 10 – Vršovice

Depeche Mode, one of the most influential groups in modern music, will stop in Prague as part of their world tour in support of their new studio album SPIRIT.

Rammstein
May 28 and 29 / Eden Arena / U Slavie 2a, Prague 10 – Vršovice

Rammstein returns to Prague after a nearly six-year absence, and due to enormous interest, will play two shows.

Linkin Park, Simple Plan, Machine Gun Kelly, Enter Shikari, Royal Republic - Aerodrome Festival
June 11 / Prague Airport Letňany / Hůlkova 35, Prague 9 – Letňany

Headliners at the 4th annual Aerodrome Festival include California's Linkin Park, Canada's Simple Plan, Cleveland's hip-hopper Machine Gun Kelly, and Swedish rockers Royal Republic, as well as the UK's Enter Shikari, who combine trance and hardcore.

DESIGN

Moser Crystal Story until Mar. 22 / Municipal House / nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1 – Old Town

A presentation of handmade art objects tracing the 160-year history of this renowned glassmaker. Moser crystal is a favourite of royal families and other well-known figures.



Retro until May 31 / National Museum – New Building / Vinohradská 1, Prague 1 – New Town

The exhibition aims to prove that retro isn't dead, that it continues exert influence even today. It shows the agelessness of beauty; how today's fashion and design take their inspiration from the past. Visitors therefore will see primarily period products and clothing, copies or predecessors of what can be found in shops today.

SPORT

Sportisimo Prague 1/2 Marathon 2017
Apr. 1 / city centre

The largest Czech half-marathon kicks off the running season. This is the 19th time the race has been held.

Volkswagen Prague Marathon
May 7 / Old Town Square and city centre

The Volkswagen Prague Marathon has become an essential part of the international running calendar. It's run through the beautiful historical city centre, starting at the Old Town Square, winding its way down Pařížská street, and across Charles Bridge. The course is fast and flat, and the race has one of the highest international runner participation levels.



2016 Volkswagen Prague Marathon © RunCzech Running League

GASTRONOMIC EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Festival of Delicate Tastes
Mar. 25 / New Town Hall / Karlovo nám. 1, Prague 2 – New Town

The New Town Hall offers up traditional and unusual delicacies from several continents, as well as lectures and screenings connected with the theme of travelling (not only) for food.

Prague Candy Festival
Apr. 8 / OREA Hotel Pyramida / Bělohorská 24, Prague 6 – Břevnov

A unique festival for those with a sweet tooth. A competition for sweet prizes, a sweet fashion show, cakemaking, marzipan, and praline demonstrations, as well as cupcake decorating.

Festival of Rosé Wines
May 1 / Villa Richter / Staré zámecké schody 6, Prague 1 – Hradčany

The largest festival of domestic rosé wines features one hundred Moravian and Bohemian rosé wines and clarets. The experience is enhanced by its attractive venue – Villa Richter and the adjacent St Wenceslas vineyards, located just below Prague Castle.

Czech Beer Festival
May 1 –27 / Letná Plain / Prague 7 – Letná

Quench your thirst with over 150 types of Czech beer, and satiate your hunger with offerings from domestic butchers and bakers.

Pink May
May 13 / Náplavka Farmers Market / Rašínovo nábřeží, Prague 2 – New Town

A tasting festival of Bohemian and Moravian rosé wines and clarets. The festival will also feature a farmers' market and grilled fish, seafood, sausages, cheeses, and vegetarian and vegan specialities.

Prague Food Festival
May 26–28 / Vyšehrad / V Pevnosti 5b, Prague 2 – Vyšehrad

In addition to cooking lessons, this three-day festival of food and drink in the spacious gardens at Vyšehrad will present the best that Czech gastronomy has to offer – great food, the best chefs, top businesses, and food and beverage producers.

Khamoro
May 28 – June 3 / various venues

Khamoro is one of the largest Roma festivals in the world. It presents Roma culture and traditions in music and dance, offers interesting seminars, film screenings, and workshops.

Václav Cíglér & Michal Motyčka
Mar. 16–Apr. 20 / Dvůrak Sec Contemporary / Dlouhá 5, Prague 1 – Old Town

Glassmaker Václav Cíglér, an internationally renowned visionary, presents objects from cut optical glass, light fixtures and jewellery, drawings, 3D objects, and architectural compositions. He works with artist and architect Michal Motyčka.

Spring and Summer Dyazjn Markets
Mar. 18–19 and May 27–28 / nám. Václava Havla / Prague 1 – New Town

A sales exhibition of handmade items. Visitors will find clothing, fashion accessories, jewellery, toys, and home accessories. The exhibition also features a music programme, good food, and a great atmosphere.

Prague Design Week
Apr. 10–16 / Dancing House /Jiráskovo nám. 6, Prague 2 – New Town

The fourth annual international design show will occupy four floors of the iconic Dancing House and present the creativity, ideas, skills, technology, and creations of Czech and international designers, craftsmen, and manufacturers. It focuses on telling the story of design and aims to show the resulting product as a process, from the first idea, to sketches and prototypes, all the way to the final product.

THEATRE AND MODERN CIRCUS

Tremble (Chvění)
Premiere Mar. 2 and 3 / National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town

An untraditional dance-theatre piece by Petr Zuska. Its content was inspired partially by Vladimír Holan's poem "The Last Leaf", describing the intense feelings of a person living amidst the turbulence of the early 21st century.

West Side Story
Mar. 23–26 / Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle

The timeless story of forbidden love based on Romeo and Juliet is set in the streets of New York City. Broadway stars bring Leonard Bernstein's original music to life and you'll experience dynamics, speed, rhythm – music, dance, movement, sounds, dialogues, and hits, such as "Somewhere", "Maria", "Tonight", and "America".

OTHER EVENTS

Mercedes Benz Fashion Week Prague
Mar. 17–24 / Kotva Department Store / nám. Republiky 8, Prague 1 – Old Town

Fashion event supported by local creatives, searching for new talents, and offering inspiration.

Prague International Film Festival – Febiofest 2017
Mar. 23–31 / CineStar Prague / Radlická 1e, Praha 5 – Smíchov

Every year, the Febiofest International Film Festival Praha screens the top films, including Oscar-nominated films, from prestigious festivals from around the world. It's one of the largest festivals of European film.

Young Tunes Jazz/ Mladí ladí Jazz
2. – 30. 4. / various venues / Prague

Festival full of jazz. This year you can look forward to the phenomenal pianist and winner of two Grammy Awards Bill Laurance, New York jazzman and clarinetist Oran Etkin, jazz-metal's Panzerballett and upcoming Japanese star BigYuki.

We're Open / Máme otevřeno
Apr. 6 / various venues / Prague 7

Dozens of cultural and creative hotspots in Prague 7 have organized an interesting programme, including free access to galleries, a range of events in music clubs and theatres, as well as special offers from ateliers and design shops.

NAVALIS St John's Celebration 2017
May 15 / various venues

The St John's celebrations in honour of saint and "Prager" John of Nepomuk, patron of all people of the water. The celebration includes a parade, a gondolier race, a concert, and fireworks over the Vltava River.

Prague Fringe Festival
May 26 – June 3 / various venues

A mix of theatre, music, and entertainment presented in small theatres throughout Prague by performers from all over the world.

Sulpture Line
June 1 – Sept. 30 / various venues / Prague

The event brings sculptures and other fine art works from leading domestic and foreign artists into bustling places as well as unusual locations.

EASTER

Easter Markets
Willow whips, Easter eggs, laces, wood items, and refreshments can be sampled and purchased at festively decorated spring marketplaces. The markets also feature a variety of events and activities.

Apr. 1–23 / Old Town Square / Prague 1 – Old Town
Apr. 1–23 / Wenceslas Square / Prague 1 – New Town
Apr. 1–23 / Náměstí Republiky / Prague 1 – Old Town
Apr. 2–30 / Prague Castle / Prague 1 – Hradčany
Apr. 1–17 / Náměstí Míru / Prague 2 – Vinohrady

Easter Concerts
The topics and events surrounding the Christian celebration of Easter have been inspiration for many composers. Here we bring you some tips for concerts that will let you absorb the spiritual atmosphere of this holiday.

J. S. Bach – The Passion of St John
Apr. 6–7 / Rudolfinum / Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1 – Old Town

A. Dvořák – Stabat Mater
Apr. 13 / Municipal House – Smetana Hall / nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1 – Old Town

Easter Concert of Sacred Music
Apr. 16 / Basilica of St James / Malá Štupartská 6, Prague 1 – Old Town

J. S. Bach - Easter Oratorio
Apr. 18 / Church of Sts Simon and Jude / Dušní 1, Prague 1 – Old Town

Easter Traditions
Easter celebrations are associated with a number of traditions and customs. Here are several places where you can learn more about them:

Easter at the National Agricultural Museum
Apr. 7 / National Agricultural Museum / Kostelní 44, Prague 7 – Holešovice

Easter traditions and customs, traditional handicrafts.

Easter Traditions at Vyšehrad
Apr. 13–17 / Vyšehrad Summer Stage / V Pevnosti 2, Prague 2 – Vyšehrad

Egg decorating, lectures, music, performances for children and adults.



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Cirque du Soleil: Varekai
May 18–21 / O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Vysočany

The story of Varekai begins at the moment when a lonely young man falls from the heavens and parachutes down into the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world imbued with fantastical creatures. On this day at the edge of time, the newfound miracle of the mystery of the world and the mind awakens.

Lohengrin
Premiere June 8 and 10 / National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town

Wagner's magnificent romantic opera, directed by his granddaughter Katharina Wagner. The duel between good and evil takes place in an atmosphere full of mystery, enveloping an unknown hero who has come to defend the honour of the Brabant princess Elsa. This new production promises an uplifting experience for viewers, who can look forward to beautiful music, strong emotions, and a thrilling story.