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### Old Town Hall Tower

While the Old 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 is closed. To compensate visitors for the unavailable view, tickets to the Old Town Hall are valid for access to the tower of the New Town Hall in Karlovo náměstí / Charles Square.

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## Autumn Holidays

Autumn is a time when several holidays are celebrated in the Czech Republic. On these days, monuments and attractions are open to the public as usual; some government buildings hold special hours for public viewing (see [www.prague.eu](http://www.prague.eu) for details), while banks and smaller shops are closed. You might encounter public gatherings, ceremonies and possibly peaceful demonstrations.

### 28 September – Czech Statehood Day / St. Wenceslas Day

This holiday of fairly recent vintage commemorates the death of Prince Wenceslas I of the Přemyslid dynasty, who was murdered by his brother Boleslav on 28 September AD 935. Despite his short rule, Wenceslas managed to spread Christianity throughout the early Czech state; his martyr's death made him a venerated figure with the aura of protector and patron of the Czech Lands. His equestrian statue presides over Wenceslas Square.

### 28 October – Foundation of the Independent Czechoslovak State (1918)

The independent Czechoslovak state was declared on 28 October 1918 as one of the successor states to the disintegrated Austro-Hungarian monarchy. Independent Czechoslovakia wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of T.G. Masaryk, a progressive Czech thinker and scholar who became the new Republic's first President. The first Czechoslovakia (1918-1938) was a democratic state with well-developed industry and sophisticated cultural output ranging from architecture to film to visual art; its existence was cut short by the Nazi occupation.

### Czechoslovakia split peacefully into the Czech and Slovak Republics in 1993.

### 17 November - Struggle for Liberty and Democracy Day

There are two historical events associated with this holiday. The first took place in 1939; that autumn, the Czech universities were closed by the Nazis, who proceeded to execute several student leaders. The second event occurred in 1989; on this date, a peaceful student demonstration in then-Communist Prague was brutally suppressed, triggering events that came to be known as the Velvet Revolution and that culminated in the fall of the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia. The most prominent personality of these dramatic weeks was Czech dissident and playwright Václav Havel, who went on to become President of the reformed democratic Czechoslovakia and, later, the Czech Republic.

## Get To Know:

# Holešovice: A District with the Stamp of the Industrial



Holešovice is a diverse district stretching along the left bank of the Vltava to Letná Hill and is one of the most exciting areas of Prague today. It was formerly a centre of manufacturing and trade: the city slaughterhouses and market operated here in the early 20th century (the market still exists today), as were steam mills, a brewery, various factories, and a busy cargo port. Nowadays, however, the majority of these industrial buildings no longer serve their original purpose; many have been reconstructed or adapted and have found second lives as apartment buildings, office complexes, studios for young artists, designers, and architects, or cultural institutions.

A visit to Holešovice is mandatory for anyone interested in modern and contemporary art – two major cultural institutions make their home here. The functionalist Trade Fair Palace from 1928, praised by the likes of Le Corbusier, is the home of the National Gallery's modern and contemporary art collections. Here you'll find masterpieces by some of the most famous artists of the 20th-century avant-garde, including Picasso, Braque, Gauguin, Van Gogh, and others. The building itself is worth seeing, especially the monumental interior built around a central atrium, with the individual floors resembling the decks of an ocean liner.



The second important "artistic" destination in Holešovice is the DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, which, as its name implies, was created by the reconstruction and rebuilding of a factory near the docks. In addition to a richly varied exhibition programme, its other main attraction is the building's newest architectural feature – the supremely elegant wooden "airship" named Gulliver, which is the venue for literary events. DOX also has a fantastic museum shop selling books and design, as well as a café.

One of the other newer magnets in the district is the Vnitroblok "creative centre", which can be anything it needs to be thanks to its vast industrial interior. Here you'll find an excellent café and design shop, music and dance, exhibitions and workshops, film screenings, and the best weekend events in Prague. Anyone who claims they're interested in alternative culture but hasn't yet been to Vnitroblok is truly missing out!

Holešovice has many other attractions as well. Along with Karlín, it's one of the only historical Prague districts that has successfully combined old architecture with entirely new construction. In a similar fashion, local traditions mingle with the dynamism of young creative types, many of whom live and work here. In addition to the largest marketplace in Prague, you'll find a number of great gastronomic spots here, from cafés and pubs to informal bistros to the popular restaurant and club SaSaZu. In short, Holešovice is a lively district where one could never get bored. What more could you ask for?

If you'd like to explore Holešovice in more detail, we recommend the walk in our new brochure **Five Prague Walks 2**. Pick up a free copy at our information and visitor centres, download it from the web [www.prague.eu](http://www.prague.eu) or order a copy from our e-shop ([eshop.prague.eu](http://eshop.prague.eu)).

## Recommended Businesses

### Coffee and a Little Something:

**Café Jedna** [📍](#) Dukelských hrdinů 47 (Fair Trade Palace)  
 Located within the National Gallery building, this café has its own cultural events programme. Refreshments and gourmet coffee from mamacoffee are served.

### Kavárna Liberál [📍](#) Heřmanova 6

A unique space combining both a café and a pub that holds occasional exhibitions and readings. Calm, quiet, and a relaxed atmosphere reign here.

### Alza Café [📍](#) Jateční 33, Hall No. 8

A training espresso bar for Doubleshot roasters. Point of interest: the café is located smack in the middle of a huge electronics store.

### Bitcoin Coffee [📍](#) Dělnická 43

A café and co-working centre where you can pay only with bitcoin virtual currency, part of the Paralelní Polis multifunctional building.

### Signature Store & Café [📍](#) Tusarova 31

This café and design shop is part of the larger Vnitroblok project, which has revived an old industrial building. In addition to clothing, accessories, and decorative items, you can also stop for some great coffee and a bite to eat.

### For Lunch or Dinner:

### Tràng An [📍](#) Bubenské emb. 13, Prague Market, Hall 5

A highly-rated restaurant with a selection of the best of Vietnamese cuisine. They also offer a seasonal menu.

### La Bottega Tusarova [📍](#) Tusarova 39

Gourmet bistro and shop with a large selection of fresh Italian products and delicacies.

### Home Kitchen Holešovice [📍](#) Jankovcova 14

A bistro inspired by the uniqueness and charm of home cooking. You won't find any doors here separating the kitchen from the dining area.

### Holešovičká Kozlovna [📍](#) Dělnická 28

Tank beer, classic Czech cuisine (in the modern sense), and, during the warmer months, a large garden with shady trees.



### Restaurace SaSaZu [📍](#) Bubenské emb. 306

One of the best Asian restaurants in Prague, awarded a Bib Gourmand by Michelin, offering fantastic food at reasonable prices.

### Art and Design:

#### HNST.LY [📍](#) Šternberkova 12

At HNST.LY, they believe that even everyday objects can be beautiful and functional. You'll find household items here for bath and kitchen, as well as eco-friendly notebooks and natural cosmetics.

#### Jatka 78 [📍](#) Bubenské emb. 13

A multifunctional space with a theatre space, gallery, training hall, and bar, home of Cirk La Putyka, a professional non-circus troupe.

#### Koncept Story [📍](#) Režičovo Square 2

A contemporary design showroom with the ambition to become a kind of incubator, hatching a new generation of Czech designers who have the potential for successful long-term growth.

#### La Fabrika [📍](#) Komanardů 30

Repurposed factory buildings make up this multifunctional

cultural centre where exhibitions, concerts, film screenings, acrobatic performances, and theatre presentations take place. The industrial origins of the space give La Fabrika its unique character and originality.

#### Lasvit [📍](#) Komanardů 32

Unique timeless designer lighting, installations, and decorative glass items from a Czech company with a global presence.

#### Továrna [📍](#) Dělnická 63

This project brings together creative people from various fields. Out of the ashes of a metal hardening facility, a unique space emerged that refuses to limit itself in any way and provides space for interesting projects of all kinds.

#### The Chemistry Gallery [📍](#) Bubenská 1

A private gallery intended for professional and commercial presentations of works by young Czech and international contemporary artists.

## How To Get There

**Metro** [📍](#) [📍](#) C, Vltavská or Nádraží Holešovice stations

**Tram** [📍](#) 1, 6, 12, 14, 17 (night lines 93 and 94)

## Tastes of the Season

Autumn is, arguably, Czech chefs' favourite season. From mushrooms and autumn fruits to venison and St Martin's goose, the autumn menu showcases some incredible flavours. While dedicated foodies head towards one of Prague's Michelin-starred restaurants (Alcron, La Degustation Bohême Bourgeoise, Field), for the rest of us there are numerous other places throughout the city that offer excellent, and reasonably priced, seasonal cuisine.

Restaurants aren't the only places to sample the tastes of the season – Praguers and visitors alike enjoy visiting the city's farmers' markets, which are held every Saturday (weather permitting) in most every Prague district. One doesn't come here just to shop, however, but also to sample freshly prepared food and drink. If autumn is still relatively warm, come here for breakfast – which can easily be stretched into lunch, followed by a walk through the neighbourhood. You'll find inspiration in our brochures *Five Prague Walks 1* and *2*.

Themed food festivals are as just as popular – for a selection of autumn events, see the reverse of this flyer.

Wine festivals are another popular autumn feature. Wine is certainly nothing new in Prague, as the roots of Prague's viticulture were planted as far back as the 10th century (St Wenceslas himself supposedly established the vineyards at Prague Castle). It was the Emperor Charles IV (1316–1378) who literally surrounded Prague with vineyards. Today, his city is repaying the debt to him (and to wine) by not only bringing the former vineyards back to life but also through the recent flourishing of local wine gastronomy and trade.

At the beginning of the wine harvest season, don't miss the seasonal specialty – burčák, which is partially-fermented, sweet grape juice (whose not-all-that-low alcohol content can sometimes be discerned only the morning after). In late autumn, St Martin's wine, the first wine made from the autumn harvest (the local answer to Beaujolais Nouveau), begins appearing on menus. It's traditionally served as an accompaniment to roast goose, cabbage, and potato pancakes on November 11, the saint's feast day. Try it as part of a special St Martin's restaurant menu, or head to Prague's embankment for a proper feast.

## Autumn Wine Festivals and St Martin's Day Celebrations:

### Střelecký island Wine Festival

[📍](#) Sept. 8-9 [📍](#) Střelecký Island, Prague 1 – Old Town

### Vinohrady Wine Festival

[📍](#) Sept. 15-16 [📍](#) Jiřího z Poděbrad Square, Prague 3 – Vinohrady

### St. Clara Wine Festival

[📍](#) Sept. 16-17 [📍](#) Prague Botanical Gardens, Trojská 196, Prague 7 – Troja

### Prague Castle Wine Festival

[📍](#) Sept. 16-17 [📍](#) Prague Castle Gardens, Prague 1 – Hradčany

### Grébovka Wine Festival

[📍](#) Sept. 22-23 [📍](#) Havlíček Gardens (Grébovka), Prague 2 – Vinohrady

### Goose and Cider Festival

[📍](#) Oct. 14 [📍](#) Hořešší emb., Prague 5 – Smíchov

### St Martin's Wine and Goose Festival

[📍](#) Nov. 11 [📍](#) Jiřího z Poděbrad Square, Prague 3 – Vinohrady

### St Martin's Festivities and a Roasted Goose

[📍](#) Nov. 11 [📍](#) Rašínovo emb., Prague 2 – New Town

### Letná Goose and St Martin's Wine Tasting

[📍](#) Nov. 11 [📍](#) National Agricultural Museum, Kostelní 44, Prague 7 – Holešovice



**Artěl**, U Lužického semináře 7, Prague 1 – Lesser Town  
**ARTĚL Concept Store**, Platněská 7, Prague 1 – Old Town  
**Egermann**, U Daliborky 30/31, Prague 1 – Hradčany  
**Erpet Bohemia Crystal**, Old Town Square 27, Prague 1 – Old Town  
**Galerie Glassimo**, Elišky Krásnohorské 3, Prague 1 – New Town  
**Lasvit**, Komanardů 32, Prague 7 – Holešovice  
**Material**, Týn 1, Prague 1 – Old Town  
**Moser**, Na Příkopě 12, Prague 1 – New Town  
**Moser**, Old Town Square 15, Prague 1 – Old Town  
**Preciosa**, Rytiřská 29, Prague 1 – Old Town  
**ST.VOL Art Gallery Shop**, Valentinská 11, Prague 1 – Old Town  
**Swarovski**, Celetná 7, Prague 1 – Old Town

## Czech Glass

The Czech Republic is widely considered to be a glass manufacturing superpower. Glassmaking and all its related crafts have a centuries-old tradition here. Czech glass achieved world renown thanks to the high level of craftsmanship of its masters and the inventiveness of glass designers, both throughout history and today.

One of the most famous local products is Bohemian crystal, clear potash (potassium carbonate-containing) glass which closely resembles real crystals in its appearance and characteristics. It's used to adorn decorative and functional items; great crystal souvenirs from Prague include jewelry, a cut glass vase or bowl, or a set of drinking glasses.

Moser is famous for its sets of crystal drinking glasses and counts European royal families among its customers. It has two showrooms in Prague – on Na Příkopě Street and in Old Town Square. Bomma is another brand known for its modern glassware. They work with leading Czech designers, such as Olga Chochoj, Jiří Pelc, Maxim Velčovský, and Rony Plesl. Bomma products (and those of other producers) can be found at Galerie Glassimo. Luxury glassware with fresh, contemporary designs can be found at Artěl. If, on the other hand, you'd like a historical replica, check out the Egermann shop in Golden Lane.

Lasvit and Brokis are two modern companies that help boost the excellent reputation of Czech glass, with light fixtures and light installations among their iconic works. Lasvit is known for their monumental installations all over the world, including Abu Dhabi and Melbourne. Traditional Czech cut-crystal chandeliers have also been world-renowned for centuries and sparkle in such esteemed locations as Versailles, the La Scala, the Hermitage, and the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. If you'd like to see these chandeliers up close (or perhaps even buy one), visit Erpet Bohemia Crystal in Old Town Square or Preciosa on Rytiřská Street.

Let's not forget the use of glass in jewellery-making. Preciosa sells glass jewellery, as do Swarovski shops (its founder was born in northern Bohemia). Material, an official supplier to the British royal family, carries handmade Czech glass, including jewellery too.

Stanislav Libenský, Jaroslava Brychtová, René Roubíček, Bořek Šípek, and Jiří Pačinek are all well-known for their free-form glass sculptures. Works by the last two mentioned artists one can find at ST.VOL Art Gallery Shop on Valentinská Street.

If you'd like to get an overview of what's new and notable in Czech glass design, head to Qubus. You can also learn more about glassmaking and its history at the Museum of Decorative Arts, which reopens in November 2017 after an extensive renovation.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We've put together a selection of the most interesting events that will take place in Prague from September to early December 2017. Dozens of others can be found on our website at [www.prague.eu](http://www.prague.eu), where you'll find details regarding programmes, tickets, and more.



**Dvořákova Praha 2017**  
Sept. 7–23 [Rudolfinum and other locations / Aišovo nábreží 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.dvorakovapraha.cz](#)  
This year's festival welcomes respected soloists and international orchestras and conductors. In addition to famous and lesser-known works by Antonín Dvořák, music by other composers from across the centuries will be heard. Star vocalists such as **Kristine Opalins**, **Piotr Beczala**, **René Pape**, and **Adam Plachetka** will take the stage. Among the international orchestras that will perform are the **London Philharmonic Orchestra**, the **Essen Philharmonic**, and the **Vienna Symphony**, which will perform during the festival's closing concert. There will also be a rare meeting with French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. The programme also, of course, features the Rudolfinum's resident orchestra, the **Czech Philharmonic**, as well as **Prague Philharmonia**.

**Antonín Dvořák (1841 – 1904)** was one of the greatest geniuses in the history of both Czech and international music. The composer, whose timeless music is loved by both his countrymen and other Europeans, was adopted by the Americans as one of their own, and he enjoys equal popularity in Japan, China, and Australia. His "New World Symphony" is one of the most-performed compositions in history. Dvořákova Praha invites you to experience the best performances of his immortal works in the city that he called home for much of his life and whose genius loci is forever woven into in his music.

## FINE ART

**Sculpture Line**  
until Sept. 30 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.sculptureline.cz](#)  
Art festival displaying sculptures and other objects by Czech and international artists right on the city streets. Each of the stops on this "sculptural route" is an artist's unique tribute to Prague.



**Medium Figure**  
until Oct. 8 [Prague City Gallery – Coloredo-Mansfeld Palace / Karlova 2, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ghmp.cz](#)  
A curatorial selection of Czech and Slovak artists who deal with the theme of figures today. The exhibition is not limited to classical sculptural concepts but instead follows figure as a medium to which artists can relate themselves via various historical as well

as personal references – from Greek canonical representation taken as a starting point to working with video, film, and photography, and finally to installation and performance.

**The 13 Chambers of the First Republic**  
until Oct. 25 [Dancing Building Gallery / Jiráskovo Square 6, Prague 2 – New Town](#) [www.galerietancidum.cz](#)  
The exhibition draws visitors back to Czechoslovakia's First Republic – the celebrated era from 1918 to 1938. The thematic exhibition is divided into 13 sections, each symbolizing a specific theme, from film and art, to fashion and sport, to politics and business. 95% of the items on display are originals.

**Jaroslav Róna 1997-2017**  
until Oct. 29 [Prague City Gallery – Stone Bell House / Old Town Square 13, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ghmp.cz](#)  
Jaroslav Róna, co-founder of the Třdohlaví artists' collective of the 80s generation, has always profiled as a distinctively original figure. His current exhibition features sculptures and paintings from the past 20 years. Through video installations, visitors will be acquainted with the artist's outdoor realizations, some of which have attracted exceptional public attention, such as his statue of Franz Kafka in Prague's Old Town.

**Vladimír Boudník**  
until Nov. 19 [The City of Prague Museum – main building / Na Poříčí 52, Prague 8 – Karlín](#) [www.museumkampa.cz](#)  
A presentation of works by this prominent Czech graphic artist and painter, a representative of active and structural graphics, a "gentle barbarian", fundamentally tied through his life and work to Prague's Libeň and Vysočany districts.

**Ai Weiwei: Law of the Journey**  
until Jan. 7, 2018 [National Gallery in Prague – Trade Fair Palace / Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.ngprague.cz](#)  
Chinese artist Ai Weiwei's largest work to date, Law of the Journey, which takes the form of a gigantic inflatable life raft with larger-than-life-sized figures of refugees and a glass sphere, is a defence of the rights of migrants. The exhibition is accompanied by a selection of his older works and installations, including With Flowers (2013–2015), a self-portrait from the period of his home confinement; and Travelling Light (2007), a reflection upon the past and its strength to project the future.

**František Kupka and the Puteaux Group**  
from Sept. 9 [Museum Kampa / U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1 – Lesser Town](#) [www.museumkampa.cz](#)  
For the first time in the Czech Republic, an exhibition featuring the group of artists who gradually settled in the Prague suburb of Puteaux will be held. It features about 30 works by artists such as Marcel Duchamp, Albert Gleizes, Ferdinand Léger, Joan Metzinger, and František Kupka, which are on loan from the Musée National d'Art Moderne Paris – Centre Pompidou and private collections.

**Baroque in the Czech Lands**  
Sept. 12 – Oct. 15 [Clam-Gallas Palace / Husova 20, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.architectureweek.cz](#)  
Gothic, Functionalism, and Baroque form the three pinnacles of local architectural history. This exhibition focuses on everyday life during the Baroque period against the backdrop of architectural and artistic monuments. It also features an interactive section as well as an accompanying program that includes concerts and workshops.

**In the Service of English Nobility: From the Graphic Oeuvre of Václav Hollar**  
from Sept. 12 [National Gallery – Schwarzenberg Palace / Hradčanské Square 2, Prague 1 – Hradčany](#) [www.ngprague.eu](#)  
Václav Hollar, Czech painter and graphic artist, worked in the service of English Earl Thomas Howard from 1636. His patrons included the Earl's circle of friends as well as the Stuart royal family. This exhibition presents the best examples of various prints that Hollar published during his service to the English nobleman.

**Light in Image: Responses to Impressionism in Czech Fine Art**

from Oct. 6 [Prague Castle – Riding School / U Prašného mostu 3, Prague 1 – Hradčany](#) [www.kulturnahrade.cz](#)  
Impressionism, one of the most fascinating and expressive art movements, influenced generations of artists in Europe and overseas. In the Czech artistic milieu, Václav Radimský – follower and personal friend of Claude Monet – was famous for his work. Works by other leading artists will also be on display, such as Antonín Šíhviček, Antonín Chitussi, Rudolf Kremlička, Joža Úprka, and Bohumil Kavka.

**Hollar Today**  
from Oct. 13 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.obecnidum.cz](#)  
The exhibition presents works by current members of the Hollar Association of Czech Graphic Artists, current local trends in free graphic work, and the developmental trends of this type of art.

**Representations and Stories: Portraits of Renaissance Nobility**  
from Oct. 13 [National Gallery in Prague – Šternberg Palace / Hradčanské Square 15, Prague 1 – Hradčany](#) [www.ngprague.cz](#)  
With Ferdinand Habsburg's ascent to the throne of Bohemia in 1526, the spirit of Renaissance culture entered the Czech lands. From the ranks of the aristocracy came the educated and well-travelled cavaliers who became prominent courtiers, as well as also patrons of the arts and culture. The exhibition presents a unique collection of Renaissance portraits and personal items that belonged to the highest Bohemian and Moravian nobles.

## DESIGN

**Manolo Blahnik**  
until Nov. 12 [Museum Kampa / U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1 – Lesser Town](#) [www.museumkampa.cz](#)  
A selection of the work of the footwear wizard, whose masterpieces are famous thanks primarily to the TV series Sex in the City and the film Marie Antoinette.



**Stanislav Libenský Award**  
Sept. 22 – Nov. 20 [DOX / Poupětova 1, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.dox.cz](#)  
International competitive exhibition of glass presents the best work of young glass artists and designers from around the world.

**Autumn Dyzejn Market**  
Sept. 23 and 24 [nám. Václava Havla / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.dyzejnmarket.com](#)  
This sales exhibition of works by Czech designers traditionally takes place in the open air on the piazza of the National Theatre. You'll find jewellery, clothing, accessories, as well as cultural events, music, good food, and a great atmosphere.



**UMtrh**  
Sept. 29 and 30 [Pařížská Street / Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.umtrh.cz](#)  
At this market in the plaza in front of the Intercontinental Hotel, you'll encounter the work of young contemporary artists represented by renowned galleries, as well as antique dealers.

**Designblok 2017 - Prague Design and Fashion Week**  
Oct. 26–30 [Prague Exhibition Grounds / Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.designblok.cz](#)  
Designblok is the largest design week in Central and Eastern Europe, presenting the latest in international and Czech design, with a focus on interior design, fashion, and lifestyle. A number of galleries, exhibition spaces, and showrooms throughout Prague will also be participating in the event.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**Sarah Chang & AYO Orchestra**  
Sept. 2 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.obecnidum.cz](#)  
At this gala concert featuring world-renowned violinist Sarah Chang, who will be performing with the Asian Youth Orchestra (AYO), made up of the best young performers from Asia, you'll hear works by Strauss, Sibelius, and Beethoven.

**Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK – José Cura – Misa Criolla**  
Oct. 4 and 5 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)  
The Creole Mass is one of the most popular works of religious music in South America. Its symphonic form will have its world premiere in Prague with soloist José Cura.

**Magdaléna Kožená and Antonio El Pipa**  
Oct. 10 [Rudolfinum / Aišovo emb. 1, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.kozena.cz](#)  
A unique combination of flamenco as performed by Antonio El Pipa and treasures of late 16th and early 17th-century Spanish music as sung by mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kožená.

**Czech Philharmonic – 122nd Season Opening Concert**  
Oct. 19 and 20 [Rudolfinum / Aišovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)  
The Czech Philharmonic, one of the leading Czech orchestras, kicks off its 122nd season with Shostakovich's violin concerto and Mahler's Symphony No. 4 in G major. Violinist Leonidas Kavakos will be the featured soloist.

**Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK: Concert for the Republic**  
Oct. 28 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)  
The Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK will play Smetana's Ma vlast in honour of those who contributed to the Republic.

**Rudolf Firkušný Piano Festival**  
Nov. 19–28 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.firkusny.cz](#)  
The festival, the legacy of internationally renowned Czech pianist Rudolf Firkušný (1912-1994) is devoted entirely to the piano. This year, performers will include Andrej Gavrilov, Pierre-Lauren Aimard, David Fry, Khattii, and Gvantsy Buniatishvili.

**Czech Philharmonic and Isabelle Faust**  
Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 [Rudolfinum / Aišovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)  
The highly successful German violinist will perform Berg's violin

concerto and works by Gabriel Fauré, César Franck, and Maurice Ravel.



## POP, ROCK, AND OTHER

**Papa Roach**  
Sept. 17 [Small Sports Hall – Prague Exhibition Grounds / Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.incheba.cz](#)  
The hard rock group brings their new album to Prague as well as guests Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes.

**Nazareth**  
Sept. 29 [Lucerna / Štěpánská 1, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.lucerna.cz](#)  
The legendary Scottish group will play their greatest hits Love Hurts and Dream On and more at Lucerna's Great Hall.

**East 17**  
Oct. 13 [Small Sports Hall – Prague Exhibition Grounds / Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.incheba.cz](#)  
East 17 dominated the popular Eurodance scene in the 90s with hits such as Stay Another Day and House of Love, and you can look forward to seeing them in Prague.

**Strings of Autumn**  
Oct. 20 – Nov. 9 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.strunypodzimu.cz](#)  
This international multi-genre festive offers ten star-studded concerts – including pianist Herbie Hancock, accordion virtuoso Richard Galliano, guitarist Ralph Towner, and cult ensemble Bang on a Can.

**Mireille Mathieu**  
Oct. 24 – 25 [Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [www.kcp.cz](#)  
The legendary chanson singer sings her most famous songs which fans around the world have known for decades.

**Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds**  
Oct. 26 [O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Libeň](#) [www.o2arena.cz](#)  
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds have announced a tour in support of their new album Skeleton Tree and will be making a stop this autumn in Prague.

**Queen + Adam Lambert**  
Nov. 1 [O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Libeň](#) [www.o2arena.cz](#)  
Queen + Adam Lambert kick off their European tour in Prague with an all-new show and special staging.

**Beth Hart**  
Nov. 6 [Forum Karlín / Pernerova 53, Prague 8 – Karlín](#) [www.forumkarlin.cz](#)  
Beth Hart, with a voice that many have called the successor to Janis Joplin, heads out on tour with a new studio album, Fire on the Floor.

**Chris Rea**  
Nov. 7 [Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [www.kcp.cz](#)  
Chris Rea returns to Prague with his new album Road Songs for Lovers, full of rock ballads.

**Gorillaz**  
Nov. 14 [O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Libeň](#) [www.o2arena.cz](#)  
The British animated legends perform for the first time for Czech audiences, offering tracks from their new album Humanz.

**Czech National Symphony Orchestra – James Newton Howard**  
Nov. 19 [Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [www.kcp.cz](#)  
James Newton Howard is one of the most respected composers of contemporary film music. His name is associated with such films as I, Legend, The Dark Knight, The Sixth Sense, Pretty Woman, Waterworld, and King Kong.

## THEATER

**Opera 2017**  
Sept. 13 – Nov. 5 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.festival-opera.cz](#)  
This festival takes place biennially and is the only regular showcase of professional Bohemian and Moravian opera companies, juxtaposing their levels and directions.

**...přítští vlna / next wave**  
Sept. 22 – Oct. 5 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.nextwave.cz](#)  
A fusion of alternative theatre, music, dance, literature, and art.

**Prague Crossroads**  
Oct. 2–8 [New Stage of the National Theatre / Národní 4, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.prazskerkrizovatky.cz](#)  
Prague Crossroads is a tribute to Václav Havel. The goal of the festival is not to recycle productions of his texts, but rather to search for his ideas in the works of others. The highlight of this year's program will be Romeo Castellucci's staging of Democracy in America.

**A Masked Ball**  
Premiere Oct. 5 and 7 [National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)  
Verdi's tragic opera about illicit love, loyalty, and betrayal takes place in Sweden at the end of the 18th century. It was inspired by historical events – the attack on then-Swedish King Gustav III in 1792 at a masked ball in Stockholm's Royal Opera House.

**Žižkov Marionette – International Puppet Festival**  
Oct. 6–8 [Atrium in Žižkov / Čajkovského 12, Prague 3 – Žižkov and other venues](#) [www.zizkovskaloutka.cz](#)  
The festival offers thirty traditional and alternative performances by puppet ensembles from all corners of the world. Various types of puppets will also be on display – traditional marionettes, hand puppets, Javanese shadow puppets, and "mannequins". The festival also includes concerts, creative workshops for children, and a unique puppet shooting range.

**Daniel Sloss**  
Oct. 16 [Divadlo U Hasičů / Římská 45, Prague 2 – Vinohrady](#) [www.divadlouhasicu.net](#)  
Following last year's sold out show, the Scottish stand-up comedian returns to Prague with a new show called NOW. As usual, his special guest will be Kai Humphries. The performance will be in English.

**Timeless**  
Premiere Oct. 20 and 21 [National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)  
Timeless presents three ballet choreographies in one performance – George Balanchine's Serenade, Glen Tetley's Rite of Spring, and Emanuel Gat's New Creation, based on music by Chopin.

**Plácido Domingo: Don Giovanni**  
Oct. 27 and 29 [Estates Theater / Železná, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.domingomozartprague.cz](#)  
Maestro Plácido Domingo takes on the role of conductor and artistic director to lead the celebrated opera in the theatre where it premiered 230 years ago.



**Theater.cz – Prague German Language Theatre Festival**  
Nov. 11–16 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.theater.cz](#)  
A prestigious showcase of the most interesting theatrical achievements from the German-language sphere takes place annually in the autumn on leading Prague stages.

**Royal Moscow Ballet: Swan Lake**  
Dec. 6 [Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [www.kcp.cz](#)  
The classic ballet set to Tchaikovsky's music that tells the story of Odette's transformation into a swan as presented by the renowned Russian ballet company.

## FESTIVALS

**Ladronkafest**  
Sept. 9 [Ladronka / Prague 6 – Břevnov](#) [www.ladronkafest.cz](#)  
The biggest leisure time festival in central Europe combining sports, movement, music, adrenaline, and most of all lots of fun. Admission to all activities is free.

**Experience the City Differently (Zažít město jinak)**  
Sept. 16 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.zazitestojinak.cz](#)  
Neighbourhood party and street festival. The basic idea is to transform streets and public spaces into places for culture and social life.

**Be2Can**  
Oct. 4–10 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.be2can.eu](#)  
A unique showcase of films that were screened at prestigious film festivals in Berlin, Venice, and Cannes.

**4+4 Days in Motion**  
Oct. 6–14 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.ctyridny.cz](#)  
This international festival of contemporary art, the goal of which is to present contemporary innovative theatre projects, will flood Prague with provocative, inspiring events that span genres - from dance and theatre to exhibitions and audio-visual projections to discussions and guided walks.

**Signal Light Festival**  
Oct. 12–15 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.signalfestival.com](#)  
Light images and projections of historical and modern buildings or in public spaces are an impressive fusion of creativity, the latest technology, and public spaces – but most of all, they're amazing to look at.



## GASTRONOMIC EVENTS

**Taste of Vietnam**  
Sept. 16 [Prague Market / Bubenské emb. 13, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.ochutnejvietnam.cz](#)  
4th annual festival of Vietnamese food and culture. Tasting-size portions, culinary workshops, lectures, exhibitions, competitions, and much more.

**Czech Beer Days**  
Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.dnyceskehopiva.cz](#)  
Traditional beer menu, including roast wild boar with rosehip sauce, ready for sampling alongside many beer specialities.

**Sweet Baroque**  
Sept. 28 [Galerie Portheimka / Štěpánikova 12, Prague 5 – Smíchov](#) [www.galerieportheimka.cz](#)  
Learn how our ancestors lived and ate during the Baroque period through old Bohemian delicacies in a wide variety of shapes and aromas.

**Chilli Fest**  
Sept. 30 [Hořejsí emb. / Prague 5 – Smíchov](#) [www.foodevent.cz](#)  
Chilli Fest leads you into the world of spices and more and less spicy dishes which you can even buy at the market.

**Vegefest**  
Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 [Vyšehradské sady / Prague 2 – Vyšehrad](#) [www.vegetarianskyfestival.cz](#)  
The diversity and variety of meat-free eating will be presented through lectures and tastings.

**Dolce Vita**  
Oct. 7 [Hořejsí emb. / Prague 5 – Smíchov](#) [www.foodevent.cz](#)  
Everything for those with a sweet tooth – French crepes, Belgian waffles, American cheesecake, Dutch stroopwaffles, Spanish churros, Moravian kolache, Czech sweet buns, as well as the "Grannies Bake" section.

**Prague Coffee Festival**  
Oct. 14–15 [Kampus Hybernská / Hybernská 4, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.coffeefest.cz](#)  
Everything to do with coffee. Lectures, presentations, tastings, and workshops.

**Soups and Goulashes**  
Oct. 21 [Hořejsí emb. / Prague 5 – Smíchov](#) [www.foodevent.cz](#)  
Warm up with a bowl of Czech soup, such as potato, kalajda, dumpling, or tripe soup, or try something a bit more exotic, such as Russian borscht, Mexican chipotle and menudo, Malaysian laksa, French bouillabaisse, or Vietnamese pho. There will also be various types of goulash.

**Whisky Life Prague**  
Nov. 3–4 [New Town Hall / Karlovo náměstí 1, Prague 2 – New Town](#) [www.whiskylifeprague.cz](#)  
A festival for lovers of whisky, offering tastings of 200 types of whisky, bourbon, and cocktails.

## OTHER EVENTS

**Prague Harley Days 2017**  
Sept. 1–2 [Prague Exhibition Grounds / Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.pragueharleydays.cz](#)  
The first weekend in September will be chock full of entertainment for lovers of these big machines.

**European Heritage Days**  
Sept. 9–17 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.historicasidila.cz](#)  
Interesting monuments and other places which are normally closed to the public will open their gates. Lectures, concerts, celebrations, and competitions will round out the programme.

**White Mountain 1620 – Battle Re-enactment**  
Sept. 22–23 [Hvězda Game Preserve / Prague 6 – Liboc](#) [www.bilahora.eu](#)  
Hundreds of soldiers, archers, and horse riders from all over Europe will all meet in Prague to take place in the largest re-enactment of a battle from the Thirty Years' War in our country.

**Architecture Day**  
Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.denarchitektury.cz](#)  
Guided tours, workshops, lectures led by experts, and visits to normally inaccessible places.

**Theatre Night**  
Nov. 18 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.nocdivadel.cz/en](#)  
What happens on the boards when the last audience member leaves the theatre? This and much more will be revealed during Theatre Night, which offers atypical theatre experiences.

## SPORTS

**Birell Grand Prix Prague 2017**  
Sept. 9 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.runczech.cz](#)  
Experience the unique atmosphere of Prague at night by taking part in one of the races making up Birell Grand Prix Prague 2017.

**Laver Cup**  
Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 [O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Libeň](#) [www.lavercup.com](#)  
The historic first year of this competition features the best tennis players in a unique format: Europe vs. the World. The finalists of this year's Australian Open, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, have already confirmed their participation.



**President Stakes**  
Oct. 22 [Prague Racecourse – Velká Chuchle / Radotinská 69, Prague 5 – Velká Chuchle](#) [www.velka-chuchle.cz](#)  
The highlight of the final programme of the racing season will be this traditional endurance race over 3200 meters.

**FMX Gladiator Games 2017**  
Nov. 4 [O2 Arena / Českomoravská 17, Prague 9 – Libeň](#) [www.fmxgladiatorgames.com](#)  
The roar of motors, adrenaline in the blood, and a pumped-up atmosphere: the biggest freestyle motocross event traditionally lures the top riders in the international FMX scene to Prague.