



Lights! Camera! Prague!

Welcome to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic and one of the leading filmmaking cities in the world.

Prague has been a filmmaking city since the beginning of filmmaking itself. The most recent chapter in that history opened when Czech-born director Miloš Forman returned to his homeland to film AMADEUS in 1983. That film focused the world's attention on Prague's stunning beauty and potential as a film location.

After the Velvet Revolution in 1989, Prague was once again fully open for business. Tom Cruise came to the Czech Republic with director Brian De Palma to film MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE, cementing Prague's reputation as a world-class film capital.

It's not just movie directors who love Prague. The city has hosted scores of music videos, starting with the clip for INXS's 1988 hit 'Never Tear Us Apart'. Since then, musical artists of all genres have filmed videos among the Prague's iconic spires, bridges and narrow lanes.

Using this map as a guide, you can find many locations of your favorite movie scenes and music videos, retrace the steps of the stars and enjoy the same hospitality the city shows its famous guests. Have a wonderful visit!

8 Church of St. Nicholas (Kostel sv. Mikuláše)

The Church of St. Nicholas in Lesser Town appears in a costume ball scene in VAN HELSING, starring Hugh Jackman. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – the real one, not the one in AMADEUS – once played the organ in this monumental Baroque church.

In the video for their song 'Numb', Linkin Park use the church sanctuary as a rehearsal space.

9 Charles Bridge (Karlův most)

In MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE, after Jon Voight falls from the Charles Bridge into the Vltava below, Tom Cruise rushes to the scene. The same bridge also appears in VAN HELSING and BLADE II, starring Wesley Snipes.

The Old Town tower of Charles Bridge appears in music videos for Boyzone's 'Every Day I Love You' and INXS's 'Never Tear Us Apart'. Kanye West crosses the bridge in the video 'Diamonds From Sierra Leone'. The central character in Linkin Park's 'Numb' appears on the bridge in several scenes in the video.

10 Kampa Island

Known as the Venice of Prague, Kampa Island is formed by a branch of the Vltava River. Visitors crossing Charles Bridge can see the street Na Kampě where a car explodes outside the US Embassy in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE. A little beyond the street is a park where Matt Damon attempts to sleep his first night in Zurich in THE BOURNE IDENTITY. Kampa Island also appears in AMADEUS.

11 Legií Bridge

This bridge offers great views of Prague Castle, Charles Bridge and the National Theater. It appears in the videos for Kanye West and Jay-Z's song 'No Church In The Wild' as the scene of the rioters' final assault.

12 Stěřecký Island

In the video for INXS's 'Never Tear Us Apart', Michael Hutchence begins singing the song on a drab, foggy Stěřecký Island. Dolores O'Riordan's futile chase in her 'Ordinary Day' video ends on the island.

13 Vltava River

The Vltava River, which runs through the middle of Prague, has appeared in many films, notably the Jackie Chan action comedy SHANGHAI KNIGHTS and spy thriller xXx, starring Vin Diesel. Regular sightseeing cruises and rental boats allow visitors to experience the river up close.

14 Wallenstein Garden

Duke Albrecht von Wallenstein razed nearly 30 houses to make room for his palace, which is now home to the Czech Senate. The garden appears in a scene in AMADEUS, in which Mozart performs for Emperor Joseph II.

Right Bank

Prague's Old Town is thick with locations which feature in historical films, contemporary thrillers and lots of music videos. Start at Prague's Main Railway Station and work your way to the riverbank before looping through the heart of the historic center.

15 Main Railway Station (Hlavní nádraží)

In THE ILLUSIONIST, Eisenheim gives Chief Inspector Uhl the slip at a Vienna railway station, which is actually Hlavní nádraží, Prague's main railway station. It also appears in CASINO ROYALE as the scene of Bond and Vesper's arrival in Trieste. In MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – GHOST PROTOCOL, the station stands in for Budapest locations. It also appears in the international police series CROSSING LINES.

Among the many music videos that have filmed at Hlavní nádraží are those for Editors' 'Smokers Outside The Hospital Doors', Gwen Stefani's 'Early Winter', Simply Red's 'Your Eyes', Geri Halliwell's 'Look At Me', REM's 'E-Bow The Letter', and Mandy Moore's 'Have A Little Faith In Me'.

16 Senovážné Square

In THE BOURNE IDENTITY Bourne escapes US Embassy guards at Senovážné náměstí 13, now the Hotel Boscolo Carlo IV. The buildings at Senovážné náměstí 31 and 17 also appear in CROSSING LINES.

17 Politických vězňů Street

Many of the Zurich scenes in THE BOURNE IDENTITY were filmed near the intersection of Panská and Jindřišská streets. The Swiss bank where Matt Damon uncovers his first clues in the Petschek Palace (Petschkův palác) (No. 20). Politických vězňů g appears as Chief Inspector Uhl's headquarters in THE ILLUSIONIST.

18 National Museum (Národní muzeum)

Prague's iconic National Museum atop Wenceslas Square has featured in many films. The museum lobby doubles for the US Embassy during a reception in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE. Director Martin Campbell used it as the lobby of Bond and Vesper's Venice hotel in CASINO ROYALE. The museum stands in for a school of medicine in FROM HELL, starring Johnny Depp and Heather Graham.

19 Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí)

Wenceslas Square was the scene of peaceful mass protests in November 1989 that helped bring about the collapse of Communism in Czechoslovakia. The Velvet Revolution, as it became known, is captured in KOLYA, with Louka and Kolya joining the key-jingling masses on the square.

20 Lucerna Palace

Key performance scenes in LA MÔME were shot in the grand ballroom of the Lucerna Palace, where concerts and balls are still held today, and upstairs in the Lucerna cinema.

21 National Theater (Národní divadlo)

The National Theater, its adorning sculptures and bas-reliefs serve as a backdrop to the riot in the videos for Kanye West and Jay-Z's 'No Church In The Wild'. It also appears briefly through the window of Patti Smith's tram in the video for REM's 'E-Bow The Letter'.

22 Liliův Street 5

In the first episodes of Season 1 of the BBC's historical action drama THE MUSKETEERS, this historic building is the Bonacieux house.

23 Husova Street

This street appears as two separate locations in THE MUSKETEERS. At St. Jiří Church (Husova 8) Milady kills a priest at confession. Interiors of the Clam-Gallas Palace (Husova 20) stand in for the Louvre. St. Jiří's is also the scene of Wolfgang and Constance's wedding in AMADEUS, as well as Mozart's funeral.

24 Mariánské Square

The current Prague City Hall appears as the exterior of a bank that is robbed in Season 1 of international police series CROSSING LINES. Interior scenes for the heist were filmed at a former bank at Na Příkopě 20.

25 Mánesův Bridge

The bridge appears in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – GHOST PROTOCOL as a bridge in Moscow, where Hunt and the IMF Secretary are attacked in their car.

The bridge appears in music videos for Anastacia's 'What Can We Do (Deeper Love)' and Jason Mraz & Colbie Caillat's 'Lucky'.

26 Rudolfinum

The Rudolfinum concert hall and gallery appears in HANNIBAL RISING and in THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN, starring Sean Connery. The building is home to the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and hosts many exhibitions of modern and contemporary art.

Kanye West shot daytime riot scenes for his video 'No Church In The Wild' on Jana Palacha Square in front of the Rudolfinum. Some scenes for West's 'Diamonds From Sierra Leone' take place around the corner on Křižovnická.

27 17. listopadu Street

The only scene in THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN filmed on a Prague street and not on a studio lot was here, between the Rudolfinum and the Museum of Decorative Arts. The same location stands in for a Zurich street in THE BOURNE IDENTITY, starring Matt Damon.

28 Pařížská Street

This part of Prague was rebuilt in the late 19th century and modeled on Paris. It appears as a tree-lined Paris boulevard in HANNIBAL RISING and also appears in the romantic comedy THE PRINCE & ME.

29 St. Agnes Convent

The 13th century building houses the National Gallery's collection of medieval art. It appears in THE MUSKETEERS as an Huguenot church where the musketeers find an underground passage.

30 U Obecního dvora Street

This alley plays Paris streets in LA MÔME and in HANNIBAL RISING. The street appears to be sunken, but actually the surrounding areas were raised over the years to help prevent flooding.

31 Kozí and nearby Streets

In MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – GHOST PROTOCOL, Hunt escapes from a Moscow hospital, stealing a coat from a clothesline and shoes from a market stand in Kozí Street. A restaurant at Bílkova 13 appears in CROSSING LINES.

32 Dušní Street

This street appears frequently in THE ILLUSIONIST as carriages roll back and forth carrying Jessica Biel, Rufus Sewell, Edward Norton and Paul Giamatti. The area was once part of Josefov, Prague's Jewish Quarter. The street runs south from the Vltava embankment, past the Church of Sts. Simon and Jude, to the Spanish Synagogue.

33 Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí)

Prague's historic Old Town Square features in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE. It is here that Tom Cruise makes a narrow escape thanks to some explosive chewing gum. The same square appears in xXx with Vin Diesel and THE BROTHERS BLOOM. The final scene of KOLYA also takes place here, with Louka performing Smetana's Má vlast with his orchestra.

Old Town Square, the Jan Hus memorial, Týn Church and the astronomical clock feature prominently in videos for Boyzone's 'Every Day I Love You', INXS's 'Never Tear Us Apart', Jason Mraz & Colbie Caillat's 'Lucky', Kanye West's 'Diamonds From Sierra Leone', Dolores O'Riordan's 'Ordinary Day' and Anastacia's 'What Can We Do (Deeper Love)'.

34 Železná Street

The street leading to Old Town Square appears in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE. At the southern end of the street, near the Estates Theater, you'll find the Karolínium, the historical seat of one of Europe's oldest universities, Charles University, founded in 1348.

35 Estates Theater (Stavovské divadlo)

Scenes from AMADEUS of Mozart's performance of Don Giovanni before the Emperor Joseph II were filmed here in the Estates Theater, the same theater where Mozart conducted the world premiere of his Don Giovanni in 1787. The Estates Theater is one of the stages of the National Theater.

36 Powder Tower and Municipal House (Prašná brána and Obecní dům)

The neo-Gothic tower at the head of Celetná Street appears in Brian De Palma's MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE. The adjacent yellow building is the Municipal House, and was built in

the early 20th century on the site of a former royal residence. It was here that Czechoslovakia declared its independence in 1918. The French Restaurant in the Municipal House appears in LA MÔME. The building can also be seen in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE.

37 Café Imperial

Early on in THE ILLUSIONIST, Eisenheim meets his manager in this café to discuss their successful show. Eisenheim, played by Edward Norton, later receives a friendly warning from Chief Inspector Uhl in the same café. The Art Deco Hotel Imperial first opened in 1914. Shut down in the 1980s, it has recently been renovated and is once again open for business.

38 Vyšehrad

The Vyšehrad hill overlooking the Vltava valley was the site of a 10th-century fortress. Today it is home to the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul and a cemetery where many Czech cultural heroes, including the composers Bedřich Smetana and Antonín Dvořák, are buried. The 18th-century casements under Vyšehrad appear in MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – GHOST PROTOCOL and CROSSING LINES.

39 Vítkov Memorial

For CASINO ROYALE, Martin Campbell filmed the scene in which Bond kills Dimitrios inside a Miami museum here. The same building also plays the role of a secret laboratory in HELLBOY. The external design of the monument itself was inspired by Functionalism, while its decorations include Art Deco and Socialist Realist elements. The statue of Hussite general Jan Žižka at the monument's western end is one of the largest equestrian statues in the world.

KOLYA (1996) – The Czech Oscar-Winning film, shot entirely in Prague!

KOLYA captured a pivotal period in recent history, when Czechoslovakia was shaking off the fetters of totalitarianism. For the film's candid depiction of the times and of the tender relationship between the title character and his would-be stepfather, the American Academy of Film and Television gave director Jan Svěrák the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 1996. KOLYA also documented artefacts of the Communist era which have since been erased, such as the Socialist Realist mosaics and bas-reliefs which formerly adorned the northern vestibule of the Anděl metro station. Other locations from the film include the Vinohrady Cemetery and the Strašnice Crematorium, near the eastern end of the city.

Stages and Studios

What directors haven't been able to find in Prague streets, they've been able to make in the city's studios, which offer filmmakers a controlled environment where they can build sets that deliver the perfect look.

Prague's movie-making history began on a bluff overlooking the city at what would eventually become Barrandov Studios. Today's Barrandov is home to some of the largest soundproof stages on earth, as well as numerous other studios and locations perfect for demanding filmmakers.

Many scenes from CASINO ROYALE were shot at Barrandov, as were the interior scenes for THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE, AVP: ALIEN VS. PREDATOR, HOSTEL: PART II, LAST HOLIDAY and HANNIBAL RISING.

Prague's various studios, stages and backlots are not open to the public. Although they are quite close to the city center, you will not find them on this map.

Underground filmmaking

Prague's public transport system is the envy of many cities around the world: easy to navigate, integrated, punctual and inexpensive. It's also deep: the tunnels for Prague's metro trains are frequently several storeys under the earth's surface. The deepest station is Náměstí Míru, 52 meters underground. The depth of the tunnels creates the necessity for long escalators from the vestibules above to the platforms below.

Such escalators themselves appear in several films and music videos, such as the one for 'Why Go?' by Faithless.

Ridley Scott is one of several filmmakers to employ Prague's metro tunnels. In 2013, the Hollywood producer and director filmed his thriller Child 44 on location in Prague. The story of the film is set in Moscow, but the producers found Prague to be a more suitable filming location. Filming took place on Line B between Smíchovské nádraží and Florenc. To minimise disruption for passengers, the crew shot only two nights between 10 pm and 8 am. The producers also compensated the city for the interruption of service and the assistance of the transport authority.

Visitors interested in more information about Prague's trains, trams and buses may wish to visit the Public Transport Museum, Patočkova 4, Prague 6. You can find information about the museum's exhibits and opening times at www.dpp.cz.

MAP

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Prague Film Locations Map



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Selected Films Shot in Prague
(by year of release)

2013

Crossing Lines (TV series)
Creator Edward Allen Bernero,
various directors
Starring William Fichtner,
Donald Sutherland, Marc Lavoine
15 16 24 31 38

The Musketeers (TV series)
Creator Adrian Hodges, various directors
Starring Howard Charles,
Luke Pasqualino, Santiago Cabrera,
Tom Burke
5 22 23 29

Shanghai Knights
Dir. David Dobkin
Starring Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson
4 5 13

Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol
Dir. Brad Bird
Starring Tom Cruise, Paula Patton,
Jeremy Renner
5 15 25 31 38

2008

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian
Dir. Andrew Adamson
Starring Ben Barnes, Sergio Castellito
27

The Brothers Bloom
Dir. Rian Johnson
Starring Adrien Brody, Mark Ruffalo,
Rachel Weisz
5 33

2007

La Môme aka La Vie En Rose
Dir. Olivier Dahan
Starring Marion Cotillard,
Gérard Depardieu
20 30 36

Hannibal Rising
Dir. Peter Webber
Starring Gaspard Ulliel, Li Gong
3 26 28 30

2006

Casino Royale
Dir. Martin Campbell
Starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green,
Judi Dench
2 15 18 39

The Illusionist
Dir. Neil Burger
Starring Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti,
Jessica Biel
5 15 17 32 37

2004

Hellboy
Dir. Guillermo del Toro
Starring Ron Perlman, John Hurt
39

The Prince & Me
Dir. Martha Coolidge
Starring Julia Stiles, Luke Mably
2 4 28

Van Helsing
Dir. Stephen Sommers
Starring Hugh Jackman, Kate Beckinsale
4 8 9

2003

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
Dir. Stephen Norrington
Starring Sean Connery
2 26

Blade II
Dir. Guillermo del Toro
Starring Wesley Snipes
9

2002

xXx
Dir. Rob Cohen
Starring Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson
13 33

The Bourne Identity
Dir. Doug Liman
Starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente
10 16 17 27

2001

From Hell
Dir. Albert Hughes, Allen Hughes
Starring Johnny Depp
2 18

1998

Les Misérables
Dir. Billie Allright
Starring Liam Neeson, Geoffrey Rush,
Uma Thurman, Claire Danes
4

1996

Mission: Impossible
Dir. Brian De Palma
Starring Tom Cruise, Jon Voight,
Emmanuelle Béart
9 10 18 33 34 36

Kolya
Dir. Jan Svěrák
Starring Zdeněk Svěrák, Andrey
Khalimon, Iuše Šafránková
1 9 33

1984

Amadeus
Dir. Milos Forman
Starring Tom Hulce, F. Murray Abraham
4 6 7 8 30 14 23 35

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- railway with station
- bus station; pier
- metro with station
- tram with stop
- funicular
- pedestrian zone
- architectural sights
- public building
- cemetery
- post-office
- hospital
- information center
- church
- chapel
- synagogue
- monument; fountain

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