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📍 Old Town Square 1, Prague 1 🕒 daily 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; January – February, 2018 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

📞 **Guide Office** 🕒 Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sat+Sun 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Na Můstku

📍 Rytiřská 12, Prague 1 🕒 daily 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Wenceslas Square

📍 corner of Štěpánská St., Prague 1 🕒 daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (closed from January 8 to March 20, 2018)

Václav Havel Airport Prague

📍 Terminal 1 (arrival hall) 🕒 daily 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

📍 Terminal 2 (arrival hall) 🕒 daily 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

🌐 www.prague.eu



Opening hours during Christmas

From December 20, 2017 till January 2, 2018 the opening hours of tourist information and visitor centres and the guide office are changed. Up-to-date information are available at prague.eu/christmas.

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Our trained, licensed guides will give you an engaging, but historically accurate walking tour of the key sights of the Old Town.

📅 **Dates:** December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. in English, December 22 and 29 in German. For exact dates in January and February 2018 please see: eshop.prague.eu (Walking tours)

📍 **Meeting point:** guide office in the Old Town Hall

🕒 **Tour length:** 2 hours

💰 **Price:** CZK 300 per person

🗺️ **Tour route:** Old Town Square – Estates Theatre (Mozart) – Powder Tower – Municipal House – Ungelt – Pafřížská St. – Josefov (former Jewish Quarter) – Charles Bridge. During Christmas time you will find out more about Czech Christmas customs and traditions.

Christmas Carols from the Old Town Hall

Even the trumpeters at the Old Town Hall join in the Christmas spirit. Every Advent Sunday (December 3, 10 and 17) after the procession of the Apostles between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., the traditional fanfare from the Old Town Hall will be replaced by Czech and international Christmas carols.



Get to know

Kampa and the Lesser Town: Romance on the Left Bank of the Vltava



Kampa is not just an actual island, but together with the Lesser Town, it forms a metaphorical island of calm in the very centre of Prague, a place where time has taken a bit of a break. Pull on a warm sweater, tie on some comfy shoes, stop by one of the small cosy cafés for mulled wine or coffee to go, and head out with us to experience its poetic narrow winding streets. After dark, be careful – it's not uncommon to run into ghosts and water sprites!

Kampa Island lies between the main course of the Vltava River and **Certovka**, an artificial canal that served as the mill-race for the mills that were here. Today you can still hear the soft clatter of two mill wheels, neither of which perform their original function. The most famous mill on Kampa is, without doubt, the Sova Mill (Sovový mlýn), home of the Kampa Museum, where a collection of artworks by František Kupka, Otto Gutfreund, and other renowned artists of the former Eastern bloc is on display. In the park directly adjacent to the mill, you can't miss three sculptures – David Černý's **Babies** – bronze siblings of those babies that scramble up and down the Žižkov Tower. A bit further along, visit the legendary, newly-opened **Werich Villa**. Here you'll find an exposition on the history of Kampa Island and the villa itself, as well as an exhibition of the life and work of Jan Werich, a renowned Czech playwright, actor and author. Visit here also the Holanerium, a space dedicated to the poet Vladimír Holan, who lived here for a time.

Cross the footbridge at the Velkopřevorský mlýn (mill), and you'll come to Prague's famous symbol of peace and love, the **Lennon Wall**. Protest slogans and messages for Jan Werich began appearing here as early as the 1960s; in the 1970s, it was nicknamed the "Wailing Wall" thanks to the heartbreaking messages and love poems inscribed upon it. After Lennon's tragic death in 1980, a symbolic tombstone appeared on the wall. Since that time, it has been not only a place where people could express their dissatisfaction with the regime, but also a place to commemorate the life and work of the musician and political activist.

Not far from here is the **Church of Our Lady Victorious**. The church is a beautiful example of early Baroque as well as the home of the **Infant Jesus of Prague**. Pilgrims and supplicants come from all corners of the world to see this diminutive statue. Many healings and miracles have been attributed to the Infant Jesus, including the rescue of Prague during the Swedish siege of 1659. The Archbishop of Prague crowned the wax statue in 1655.

The **Church of St Nicholas** is considered to be one of the most important Lesser Town monuments, as well as the most significant and most spectacular example of the Baroque style in Prague. Of particular note are the majestic dome and bell tower. Before 1989, the bell tower was used by the State Security Service as an observation tower because of its ideal position overlooking the American, Yugoslavian, and West German embassies. If you're not afraid of heights, you can climb up into the tower to experience a unique view of the Lesser Town.

As you head in the direction of the river to U Lužického semináře Street, keep your eyes out for one of the most unusual sights in the city: **the narrowest street in Prague**. A stoplight con-

trols the access – and at its tightest spot, it's just 70 cm wide. A few steps away on Cihelná Street, pay a visit to the **Herget Brickworks (Hergetova Cihelna)**. There's an excellent restaurant here with a breathtaking view of Charles Bridge and the Vltava River as well as the **Franz Kafka Museum**, which offers a unique insight into the life and world of one of Prague's most famous native sons. In the courtyard, you can't miss another atypical sculpture by David Černý of two male figures urinating into a pool in the shape of the Czech Republic.

If you'd like to explore Kampa and the Lesser Town more thoroughly, you'll find more tips on our website www.prague.eu.

Where to Go

Culture:

Museum Kampa U Sovových mlýnů 2
Museum of modern art with a collection of works by abstract art pioneer František Kupka; also holds interesting temporary exhibitions.

Werich Villa U Sovových mlýnů 7
The exhibition here is dedicated to the important personalities from Czech culture who lived in this 16th-century villa throughout its history.

Czech Museum of Music – Museum of Musical Instruments Karmelitská 4
Over 400 historical musical instruments of extraordinary value are on display.

Karel Zeman Museum Saska 3
An interactive exhibition presents the life work of genius filmmaker Karel Zeman and his cinematic special effects that made Czech cinematography famous.

Malostranská beseda Malostranské náměstí 21
A cultural and social centre in a building that once served as the town hall for the Lesser Town.

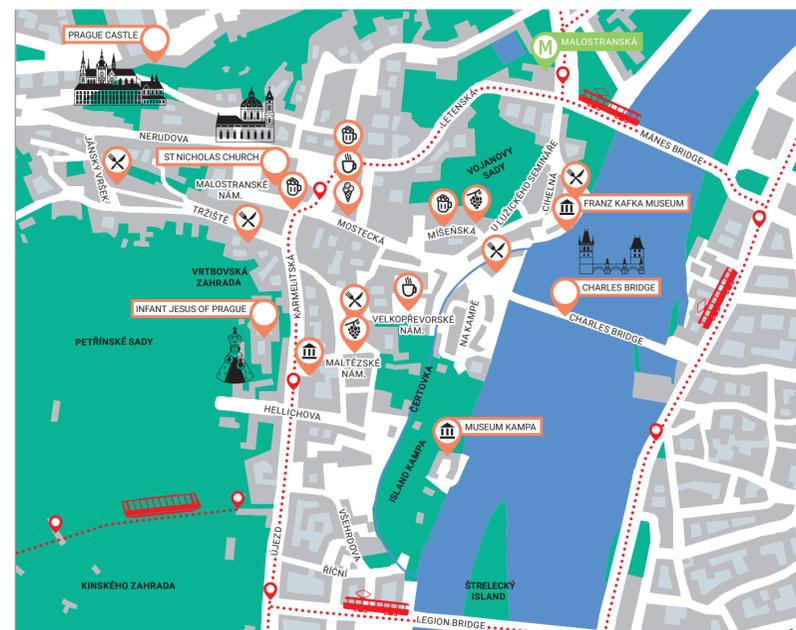
Franz Kafka Museum Cihelná 2b
The permanent exhibition presents most of the first editions of Kafka's works, correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, drawings, and much more.

Coffee, Lunch, or Dinner:

Kampa Park 📍 Na Kampě 8b
This luxury restaurant, situated directly on the riverside, is famous for its gourmet cuisine, including world-class fish and meat dishes, over 150 varieties of wine, as well as its incredible view of Charles Bridge.

Café de Paris 📍 Velkopřevorské náměstí 4
You'll find this family-owned brasserie serving French cuisine in one of the most beautiful spots in the Lesser Town. A great place to finish up a romantic walk.

U Malířů 📍 Maltézské náměstí 11
A renowned gourmet restaurant in a historical building with beautifully painted vaulted ceilings offers its guests French and Czech cuisine with a selection of high-quality wines.



Malostranská beseda 📍 Malostranské náměstí 21
The Beseda offers its guests comfortable seating, quality modern Czech cuisine, and excellent beer. On the ground floor of this beautiful historical building, you'll find a cosy restaurant and a traditional Lesser Town pub in the cellar.

Amorino Gelato 📍 Malostranské náměstí 24
Highly recommended for lovers of ice cream, which they serve in an exceptional way – it's arranged in thin layers to form an icy rose. They also serve excellent coffee.

Restaurant U Glaubiců 📍 Malostranské náměstí 5
This restaurant with a long history is located right across from the St Nicholas Church. It features a 700-year-old cellar, a street café, and a restaurant.

Coda Restaurant 📍 Tržiště 9
At Coda, you'll enjoy a fantastic culinary experience in a romantic atmosphere with live piano music. The restaurant is located in the unique, music-themed Aria Hotel.

Santini Garden Restaurant 📍 Jánkův vršek 13
A place to find both traditional Czech cuisine and modern culin-

nary trends, situated in a quiet, yet centrally located area below Prague Castle.

Vinograf Míšeňská 📍 Míšeňská 8
A cosy small wine bar close to Charles Bridge, it was one of the first modern wine bars in Prague and is the perfect place to get a quick crash course on Czech and Moravian wines.

Lokál U Bílé kuželky 📍 Míšeňská 12
This pub stands on two fundamental strengths – excellent draft Pilsner beer and traditional Czech cuisine.

Hergetova cihelna 📍 Cihelná 2b
A stylish restaurant on the riverbank with a spectacular view of Charles Bridge offering fresh seafood and dishes made from it.

How to Get There

Tram 🚊 9, 12, 20, 22, 23 (night line 97)

Metro 🚇 A, Malostranská

Czech Christmas, Then and Now



Although the Czech Republic is one of the world's least religious countries, Christmas (December 24–26) is celebrated here with great zeal. While for many countries Christmas doesn't start until December 25, here the Christmas Eve dinner and gifts-unwrapping ritual that take place on the evening of December 24 are the heart of the holiday. If you're planning to be in Prague around this time, be sure to book your restaurant meals in advance as many businesses will be closed.

The first visible signs of the arrival of Christmas are, of course, the omnipresent **Christmas markets**. Among the items on sale are often hand-blown, colourful glass Christmas ornaments; their manufacture has been a traditional craft in the Czech lands for centuries, even though the designs have changed with the times.

Christmas Markets:

Old Town Square

📅 Dec. 2, 2017 – Jan. 6, 2018 (10 a.m. – 10 p.m.)
the most visited market against the fairy-tale backdrop of the Old Town Square, with a wide variety of cultural events

Wenceslas Square

📅 Dec. 2, 2017 – Jan. 6, 2018 (10 a.m. – 10 p.m.)
accessible by all three metro lines

Prague Castle

📅 Nov. 26, 2017 – Jan. 6, 2018 (9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sat/Sun 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

náměstí Míru

📅 Nov. 20 – Dec. 24, 2017 (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
a peaceful atmosphere against the elegant backdrop of the Church of St Ludmila

Republiky Square

📅 Dec. 2 – Dec. 30, 2017 (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
a smaller market close to two large shopping centres

Tylovo náměstí

📅 Nov. 23 – Dec. 24, 2017 (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
in a quiet part of Vinohrady

Jiřího z Poděbrad Square

📅 Nov. 24 – Dec. 24, 2017 (10 a.m. – 9 p.m.)
in front of one of the most distinguished Czech churches from the 20th century, rich cultural programme

Next comes **St Nicholas' Night**: On the evening of December 5, St Nicholas (Mikuláš in Czech) and his two sidekicks – a devil and an angel – can be seen roaming the streets, visiting the homes of young children and dispensing sweets and fruit (plus pieces of coal to those whose behaviour has been in need of improvement). Mikuláš casts an imposing figure, wearing a bishop's robes, miter, and staff (crozier); his flowy beard is white like Santa Claus's, but there the resemblance ends. After finishing their rounds, the Nicholases and their entourage can sometimes be seen partying in the city centre – join them at your own risk.

A week or so before Christmas, huge tubs of water can be seen all over the city, filled with live carp – a future **Christmas Eve meal** for traditionally-minded Czechs. The ritual of picking out your own live carps and having it killed on the spot or bringing it home alive to live out its last hours in a bath tub is part and parcel of the Czech culture, even though in recent years many have switched from local carp to more exotic (and less bony) fish. Restaurants, of course, know that the appeal to fried carp is somewhat limited outside our borders, so visitors needn't worry that carp will be the only choice for their festive meal.

Nativity Scenes

Nativity scenes are usually on display from December 24 through the beginning of January, sometimes even longer.

Cathedral of Sts Vitus, Wenceslas, and Adalbert

📍 Prague 1 – Prague Castle

Church of the Virgin Mary Angelic

📍 Prague 1 – Hradčany, Loretánské nám. 6

🔵 life-sized nativity figures

Church of Our Lady of the Snows

📍 Prague 1 – New Town, Jungmannovo nám. 18

🔵 the number of figures and the nearby exhibition of historical and contemporary nativity scenes at Galerie Ambit

Church of St Ignatius

📍 Prague 2 – New Town, Ječná 2

🔵 expressions on the human figures and the figure of an elephant

Church of St Ludmila

📍 Prague 2 – Vinohrady, náměstí Míru

🔵 picturesque figures

Church of St Matthew

📍 Prague 6 – Dejvice, U Matěje

🔵 nativity scene is made of gingerbread

Church of St Anthony of Padua

📍 Prague 7 – Holešovice, Strossmayerovo náměstí

🔵 figures in folk costumes (the "Slavic" nativity scene)

🔵 [Information about other Christmas events are available at](http://prague.eu/christmas)

🌐 prague.eu/christmas.

Czech Design

Design is probably not the first word that comes to mind when you think of the Czech Republic. And yet this small, creative nation has a relatively rich design scene that earns more and more international respect every year.

The dominant materials in Czech design are **glass and porcelain**. These are used in decorative items, dinnerware, light fixtures, lamps, and more. Wood became part of a number of iconic pieces of **furniture** during the golden era of Czech design in the early 1900s, and is of course still commonly used to make **wooden toys**. Libuše Niklová's inflatable **plastic animals** have also become world-famous. Finally, one can't discuss Czech design without mentioning **Czech fashion and jewellerymaking**.

Precision, careful craftsmanship, and a dash of Czech character – a sense of humour and bizarreness – are what defines Czech design. It often blurs the line between art and craft; it's influenced by Cubism, Functionalism, and history. The younger generation of designers further enriches it with their international experience.

Czech design has a number of iconic pieces of which we present three just to give you an idea of how it has developed almost over the past 90 years.

H269 Armchair, Jindřich Halabala, 1933



Jindřich Halabala is one of the greatest legends of Czech design. His best-known works are his armchairs, designed for Spojené umělecko-průmyslové závody (United Applied Arts Production) in Brno, where he worked for many years. Today, his simple, elegant armchair with a bent oak frame is a highly sought-after collector's item. 📍 [Where to buy replicas:](http://www.modernista.cz) 📍 [Modernista, Vinohradská 50 \(Pavilon\), Prague 2](http://www.modernista.cz)

Inflatable Animals, Libuše Niklová, 1970s

A colorful bull, elephant, and giraffe were integral parts of childhood in 1970s Czechoslovakia. Libuše Niklová's animals came about from a long-term cooperation with Fatra, a plastics

manufacturer, who once again manufactures these popular animals after a long break. 📍 [Where to buy replicas:](http://www.gumapraha.cz) 📍 [GUMA, Ječná 24, Prague 1](http://www.gumapraha.cz)



Waterproof Onion Vase (Left and Right), Maxim Velčovský, 2003

Maxim Velčovský's porcelain rain boots featuring the blue onion pattern skirt the boundary between work of art and functional design. It's imbued with an unconventional approach and sense of humor – both typical of the designer. 📍 [Where to buy:](http://www.qubus.cz) 📍 [Qubus, Rámová 3, Prague 1](http://www.qubus.cz)



To learn more about Czech design, pick up our brochure **Prague:design**, available free of charge at our tourist and visitor centres, or download it immediately at www.prague.eu.

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- 📍 Old Town Hall
Old Town Square No. 1, Prague 1
🕒 daily 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Jan – Feb 2018: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
- 📍 Na Můstku
Rytiřská No. 12, Prague 1
🕒 daily 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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Calendar of events

We've put together a selection of the most exciting events that will take place in Prague from late November 2017 to early March 2018. You'll find dozens of others on our website at www.prague.eu, where you'll also find details regarding programmes, tickets, and more.



Museum of Decorative Arts, Prague, 2017

Grand Reopening of the Museum of Decorative Arts

from Nov. 15 [Museum of Decorative Arts / 17. listopadu 2, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.upm.cz](#)
After a thorough renovation, the largest Czech museum dedicated to applied art and design is reopening. A third floor of exhibition space has been added, and the relaxation garden will be open to the public for the first time. The museum's shop has been redone, and there's also a new restaurant. The glass exhibition here is one of the most extensive in Europe and is reason enough to visit, but the Museum of Decorative Arts offers so much more: ceramics and porcelain, textiles and fashion, toys, jewellery, as well as graphics and photos. Permanent exhibitions are going to be opened consecutively.

Fine Art

The Light Within a Picture: Czech Impressionism

till Jan. 7 [Prague Castle – Riding School / U Prašného mostu 1, 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. Leading Czech painters represented in this exhibition include Antonín Slavíček, Antonín Chittussi, Max Švabinský, Rudolf Kremlíčková, and Bohumil Kavka.



Václav Radimský, 1902

Czech Press Photo 2017

Nov. 22 – Jan. 31 [Old Town Hall – Cloisters and Knights' Hall / Old Town Square 1, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.czechpressphoto.cz](#)
Authentic visual testimony about life at home and abroad from the past year as seen through the lenses of Czech and Slovak professional photographers. Czech Press Photo offers an opportunity to make public that which for various reasons could not be covered in the media.

Kamil Lhoták

from Feb. 7 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.obecnidum.cz](#)
The most extensive retrospective exhibition of the work of Kamil Lhoták, a self-taught artist, painter of balloons, modern technology, peripheries, and sport, as well as an illustrator of over 400 books for children and adults. The exhibition offers a comprehensive overview of his work – over 200 paintings, some of which are being exhibited for the first time.



Kamil Lhoták, 1930

NaFIM! 2: In Motion

till Dec. 31 [Chicago Palace / Národní 32, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.nafim.org](#)
Discover film like never before – explore the exhibition NaFIM. Experience virtual reality, try your hand at being a magic lantern projectionist, and animate your own film. Bring your friends, kids, and the whole family – there's something here for everyone.

Design

Czech Design Week

Nov. 27 – Dec. 3 [Kampus Hybernská / Hybernská 4, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.czechdesignweek.cz](#)
A sales exhibition of renowned and emerging designers at the newly-opened Kampus Hybernská multicultural centre, which will become the centre of the design scene in Prague for a few days.

Mint: Prague Fashion Market

Dec. 8–10 [Kampus Hybernská / Hybernská 4, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.mintmarket.cz](#)
Join in one of the creative workshops and purchase products from Czech and international designers.

Winter Dyzajn Market

Dec. 9–10; Dec. 16–17 [National Theatre Piazzetta / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.dyzajnmarket.com](#)
A sales exhibition of works by Czech designers that traditionally takes place in the open air on the Piazzetta of the National Theatre. You'll find jewellery, fashion, accessories, as well as live music, good food, and a great atmosphere.

Christmas Lemarket

Dec. 9–10 [Gallery Mánes / Masarykovo emb. 1, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.lemarket.cz](#)
100 selected brands of local fashion, cosmetics, children's toys, men's accessories, food, and much more in the elegant Gallery Mánes.

UMTrh

Dec. 16–17 [Paiřížská St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.umtrh.cz](#)
For two days, the luxurious boulevard will transform into an open-air art zone. If you're looking for something new and original, you'll find new designer items, paintings, sculptures, photographs, vintage items, fresh fashion, and more. Accompanying the market will be live performances as well as light and film projections.

Classical Music

Czech Philharmonic - Yuja Wang

Dec. 6–8 [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
Yuja Wang, the phenomenal Chinese pianist, will play captivating Russian classical works, including Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto, a core piece in her repertoire.

Prague Spring International Music Festival 2018

ticket presales begin on Dec. 12 [www.festival.cz](#)
Although the festival takes place in the spring, ticket presales starts, as usual, on December 12, 2017.

Cecilia & Sol – Dolce Duello

Dec. 14 [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.nachtigallartists.cz](#)
Opera superstar Cecilia Bartoli and famed Argentinean cellist Sol Gabetta perform as part of the Baroque Arias for Voice and Cello project.

Czech Touches of Music

Dec. 16 – Jan. 6 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.ceskedotekyhudby.cz](#)
Prague's largest autumn festival of classical music offers orchestral and chamber music ranging from early to modern crossover compositions. The gala opening concert takes place every year at Prague Castle on Beethoven's birthday, and the closing concert in the Municipal House on the Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings' Day).

Sumi Jo, Emmanuel Villaume & PKF – Prague Philharmonia

Dec. 17 [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.pkf.cz](#)
South Korean soprano Sumi Jo is the star of this concert and will perform works by Richard Strauss and Mozart.

Eva Urbanová Gala Concert

Jan. 3 [Church of Sts Simon and Jude / Dušní St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskedotekyhudby.cz](#)
The lavish programme for this celebrated soprano's concert features works by Dvořák, Tchaikovsky, Schubert, Puccini, Massenet, Khachaturian, Verdi, and others.

Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK – 100 Years of Bernstein

Jan. 17 and 18 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)
The centenary of the "universal genius" – conductor, composer, and pianist Leonard Bernstein – will be celebrated with a concert at which his Chichester Psalms in Hebrew and their "European counterpart", Mendelsohn's Symphony No. 2, Hymns of Praise, will be performed.

Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra – Adam Plachetka Sings Strauss

Jan. 22 [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.rozhlas.cz](#)
The Vienna State Opera soloist together with the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra perform Two Songs for Low Voice and Orchestra (1899), bookended by two pieces by Brahms.

Czech Philharmonic – Alisa Weilerstein

Feb. 21–23 [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
Exceptional American cellist Alisa Weilerstein performs Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto with the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

Czech Philharmonic - Gautier Capuçon

Feb. 28 – Mar. 2 [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
Gautier Capuçon and conductor Semyon Bychkov have been friends for years, plus they both make their homes in Paris. The concert's programme could be considered a double meeting of friends: Bychkov with Capuçon, and Dvořák with Tchaikovsky.



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Other Music Genres

Avishai Cohen Trio

Dec. 21 [Forum Karlin / Pernerova 53, Prague 8 – Karlin](#) [www.forumkarlin.cz](#)
Bassist, vocalist, and composer Avishai Cohen, drummer Noam David, and one of the most versatile fresh voices in contemporary jazz Omri Morem present Cohen's latest popular songs.

Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK – Zdeněk Liška: The Shop on Main Street

Jan. 10 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)
The centennial celebration of the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic kicks off with a projection of the first Czechoslovak film that was awarded an Oscar for Best Foreign Film. The Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK and the Kühn Choir of Prague will provide the live music accompaniment.

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra

Jan. 13 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.glennmiller.cz](#)
Hits by the most famous bandleader of the swing era, including the Moonlight Serenade and In the Mood, as performed by his namesake orchestra.

Depeche Mode

Jan. 31 [O2 Arena / Českomoravská 1, Prague 9 – Vysočany](#) [www.o2arena.cz](#)
Depeche Mode, one of the most influential modern bands, makes a stop in Prague as part of their tour in support of their latest album Global Spirit.

Theatre / Ballet / Opera

Roots

Dec. 9 and other dates [on the Jatka 78 website Jatka 78 / Bubenské emb. 13, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.jatka78.cz](#)
The new circus performance Roots tells the poetic, yet brutal history of the circus arts through the personal tales of its protagonists. Each of them came to the circus via a different route. Here and now they meet on the stage to show you wonderful things...

Moscow City Ballet: Swan Lake

Dec. 22 [Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 4, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [www.kcp.cz](#)
The Moscow City Ballet has earned rave reviews from critics and ballet lovers around the world. Here they present the immortal tale of the love between Prince Siegfried and the gentle Princess Odette, whom evil Baron von Rothbart has transformed into a swan.

The Marriage of Figaro

Premiere Feb. 1 and 3 [Estates Theatre / Železná St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
There is only one working theatre in the world today where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart personally directed performances of his operas: Prague's Theatre of the Estates. His music has been performed here since 1783. A fantastic storyline, a high-quality libretto based on excellent portrayals of the character's personalities, plots, costumes, and situational comedy combined with Mozart's music have made The Marriage of Figaro enduringly popular with audiences and performers alike.

Lohengrin

Feb. 9 and 18 [National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
Wagner's epic opera about 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. The composer's great-granddaughter Katharina Wagner directs.



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Other Events

The Illusionists

Jan. 11–14 [Prague Congress Centre / 5. května 4, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [www.kcp.cz](#)
Seven of the best magicians in the world present a show full of perfectly executed and often even deadly tricks and illusions that defy the laws of physics.

Grand Restaurant Festival

Jan. 15 – Feb. 28 [Prague – selected restaurants](#) [www.grandrestaurantfestival.cz](#)
A culinary feast for foodies that makes it possible for anyone who's interested in gourmet dining to visit the best and often more expensive restaurants. Enjoy specialties from the finest and most interesting restaurants from Maurer's Grand Restaurant Guide at special festival prices.

Austrian Ball

Jan. 19 [Žofin Palace / Slovanský island 226, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.rakouskyples.cz](#)
The atmosphere of Viennese balls will fill the glorious Žofin Palace on Slovanský Island.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Feb. 15–17 [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.czechchina.com/cny/web/](#)
New year's celebrations are among the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. Learn more about Chinese culture and history through unique music and dance performances, demonstrations of traditional handicrafts, and tastings of typical foods.

Holiday World – Tourism Trade Fair

Feb. 15–18 [Prague Exhibition Grounds / Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.holidayworld.cz](#)
Central Europe's most important travel fair featuring regional and national tourist offices, tour operators, travel agents.

One World / Jeden svět

Mar. 5–14 [Prague – various venues](#) [www.jedensvet.cz](#)
The largest human rights film festival in the world. More than 100,000 viewers attend it every year.

CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CONCERTS

Advent Concerts at the National Theatre

Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, and 17 at 11 a.m. [National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
programme: Czech Christmas Mass by Jakub Jan Ryba, carols, Advents songs

Christmas with the Chorea Bohemica

Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9–10 at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. [Prague Castle – Ball Game Hall / Prague 1 – Hradčany](#) [www.kulturnahrade.cz](#)
programme: Christmas carols and songs

Czech National Symphony Orchestra – Christmas Concert

Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.cnso.cz](#)
programme: Czech Christmas Mass by Jakub Jan Ryba

Sarah Brightman + Gregorian – Royal Christmas Gala

Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. [Tipsport arena Prague / Za Elektrárnou 419, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.tipsportarena-prague.cz](#)
programme: Christmas songs and hits by Sarah Brightman

Pavel Šporcl – Christmas on the Blue Violin

Dec. 19–20 at 7 p.m. [Forum Karlin / Pernerova 19, Prague 8 – Karlin](#) [www.forumkarlin.cz](#)
programme: Christmas melodies, songs, and traditional carols

Prague Music Festival – Christmas Meeting

Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. [Žofin Palace / Slovanský island 226, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.vaclavhudecek-svatkyhudby.cz](#)
programme: pieces of J.S. Bach, J.V.H. Vofříšek, W.A. Mozart

The Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK – Christmas Concert

Dec. 20–21 at 7:30 p.m. [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)
programme: pieces of J. Suk, A. Glazunov, W.A. Mozart

Chorea Bohemica at the Estates Theatre

Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 22 at 3 and 7 p.m. [Estates Theatre / Železná St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
programme: Christmas carols and songs

Advent Gospels: Stella Jones & The Christmas Gospel Singers

Dec. 22–23 at 7:30 p.m. [Church of St. Anne – Prague Crossroads Centre / Liliová St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.prague.eu](#)
programme: world gospel as performed by this renowned American group



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Jakub Jan Ryba: Czech Christmas Mass

Dec. 25 at 3 and 6 p.m. [Church of Sts. Simon and Jude / Dušní St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)
programme: Ryba's traditional Christmas mass as performed by the Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK

Christmas Organ Concert

Dec. 26 and Jan. 1 at 4 p.m. [Basilica of St James / Malá Štupartská 16, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.auditeoorganum.cz](#)
programme: Christmas music and performances by vocal and instrumental groups

Prague Philharmonic Orchestra: New Year's Eve Concert

Dec. 31 at 4 p.m. [Municipal House / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.praguephilharmonic.com](#)
programme: renowned works by Strauss, Wagner, Puccini, and other composers

Czech Philharmonic: New Year's Day Concert

Jan. 1 at 8 p.m. [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
programme: works from the turn of the 20th century, including Russian Easter by Rimsky-Korsakov

New Year's Concert: Prague Symphony Orchestra

Jan. 1, at 7:30 p.m. [Municipal House – Smetana Hall / Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.fok.cz](#)
programme: A. Dvořák's Slavonic Dances, Op. 46 and Op. 72

New Year's Concert: PKF – Prague Philharmonia

Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. [Rudolfinum / Alšovo emb. 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.pkf.cz](#)
programme: pieces of A. Dvořák and L. Beethoven

EXHIBITIONS

Nativity Scenes in the Bethlehem Chapel 2017 – How They Used to Cook and Illuminate

Nov. 24 – Jan. 2 [Bethlehem Chapel / Betlémské Square 4, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.vanocnivystava.cz](#)
A diverse exhibition of nativity scenes from the Czech Republic and Slovakia that reveals the development of cooking and lighting, and offers demonstrations of old crafts, a children's corner, and workshops.

Nativity Scenes from Třešť in the Jindřišská Tower

Nov. 24 – Feb. 2 [Jindřišská Tower / Jindřišská St., Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.jindrisskavez.cz](#)
Hand-carved nativity scenes, scented with fresh moss and needles, are testaments to the skilled hands of the Třešť nativity scene carvers.



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Prague at Christmas Time – Traditions and Crafts from Advent to Candlemas

Nov. 26 – Feb. 4 [The City of Prague Museum – Ctěnice Chateau / Bohdanečská 1, Prague 9 – Vínoh](#) [www.muzeumprahy.cz](#)
The history of Christmas celebrations in Prague from Advent to Candlemas, including period toys and cookies.

Exhibition of Historical and Contemporary Nativity Scenes

Dec. 2– Jan. 3 [Gallery Ambit - Church of Our Lady of the Snows / Jungmannovo Square 18, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.facebook.com/galerieambit](#)
Many contemporary and historical nativity scenes incl. Jiří Votruba's Mechanical Nativity Scene (4.5 m long) and a Nativity Scene Constructed in the Třešť Tradition with historical figures carved by Boudný (3 x 2.5 m).

Christmas Exhibition

Dec. 3 – Feb. 6 [Charles Bridge Museum / Křižovnické Square 3, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.muzeumkarlovamostu.cz](#)
Unique nativity scenes incl. the Vltava Fish Nativity Scene, an African carved mahogany nativity scene.

THEATER

The Nutcracker – A Christmas Story

Re-premiere Dec. 8 [National Theatre / Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
The beloved Christmas fairy tale with the magical music of Tchaikovsky has been one of the most popular children's ballets since its premiere. Set in 19th century London, it tells the story of the power of Christmas magic to change people's natures.

Nutcracker on Ice

Dec. 30 [Tipsport Arena Prague / Za Elektrárnou 419, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [www.louskaceknaledce.cz](#)
And once again the Nutcracker – now as an ice revue combining figure skating, acrobatics and dance.

New Year's Eve With Mozart

Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. [Estates Theatre / Železná St., Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
Celebrate the New Year in style in the spirit of Mozart. Enjoy the genius' most popular arias and opera scenes, a lavish buffet, a New Year's toast, and dancing on the stage.

OTHER EVENTS

Lamplighter on Charles Bridge

Nov. 26 – Dec. 23 [Charles Bridge, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [www.prague.eu](#)
Once again this year during the pre-Christmas period, you might encounter lamplighters at around 4 p.m. on Charles Bridge lighting the gas lamps.

New Year's Fireworks Display

Jan. 1 at 6 p.m. [Prague – Letná](#) [www.prague.eu](#)
Breathtaking light choreography over Prague is the ideal start to the new year.



Procession of the Three Kings

Jan. 5, 2017 at 3 p.m. [city centre](#) [www.praha.charita.cz](#)
The Three Kings on camels rides from the Church of St Thomas in the Lesser Town across the Charles Bridge to the Old Town Square.

The Christmas Markets at the Old Town Square Belong to the Most Beautiful Ones in the World

The CNN news server ranked the Christmas markets at Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square together as among the top 10 in the world. Furthermore, Prague was listed as the number one place for a Christmas vacation by news magazine U.S. News & World Report.



If you would like to find out more about Christmas markets in Prague, see the article "Czech Christmas, Then and Now".