**Press release**

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**The number of visitors from Russia and China in Prague is increasing**

**In the third quarter of 2017 2 250 000 tourists visited Prague, that is about 90 000 more than last year. Prague City Tourism has noticed a significant increase in visitors from China and Russia, also from South Korea or Sweden.**

*“City tourism in Europe is continuously growing, which reflects in the positive results of incoming tourism in the third quarter. Prague remains to be an attractive destination thanks to its safety and high quality of services. The rising number of visitors from Asia was significantly impacted by the growing number of direct airlines,”* says **Barbora Hrubá** Prague City Tourism spokesperson.

In the third quarter of 2017, 1 970 000 foreign visitors came to Prague, which is 3,5% more than last year. Another 276 000 domestic guests decided to visit the city their number increased by 9,6% in comparison with last year. The total number of overnight stays was 5 420 000. The average time/period of overnight stays has remained at 2,4 nights.

The majority of visitors came to Prague from Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom, China, South Korea, Russia, Spain and Slovakia. Also, to our surprise, Ukraine, Hungary, Japan, Sweden and the Netherlands appeared in the list of top ten source countries in the period under review.

**Prague City Tourism** is a modern marketing organisation funded by the City of Prague. Our mission is to foster the development of both domestic and international tourism in the Czech capital. Prague City Tourism provides current and future visitors with the latest information on Prague’s attractions, experiences and services through its website and visitor centres. As Prague’s official tourism marketing organisation, we work with the media and travel trade partners in organising educational trips, workshops, and presentations.