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PRAGUE – THE CITY OF ROMANCE

With its scenic setting on the Vltava River and its fairy-tale beauty, Prague is unrivalled in the world as a romantic destination. Its city centre is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites, and it is easy to see why: centuries of perfectly preserved architecture on display and culture at every step through the cobbled lanes of Old Town, the Jewish Quarter and the Lesser Town, presided over by the historic Prague Castle, the largest castle complex in the world.

Prague has long attracted those who value aesthetics: artists, poets, musicians, philosophers, intellectuals – and lovers. An increasing number of couples are choosing to have their wedding in Prague, and the reasons for its popularity are clear. Not only is the city a ready-made backdrop for wedding photographs, but it is also possible to tailor-make every aspect of your special day – as well as the run-up to it – exactly to your wishes.

With this guide, our goal is to inspire you to dream up the perfect wedding in Prague – and make it happen. The list of venues and service providers in this brochure is by no means exhaustive, but provides a representative cross-section of what's available, with emphasis on quality and experience. A more extensive version of the guide's listings can be found at www.pragueweddingguide.com. Dream and enjoy!

Romance for any occasion

Indeed, there are so many options for romantic and celebratory occasions in Prague that the possibilities aren't limited to just weddings; it is also the ideal place to get engaged, take a honeymoon, renew your wedding vows or celebrate an anniversary. The city is home to countless private spots in which to profess your love or steal a kiss: gondola rides along the Vltava River; amid the cherry blossoms atop Petřín Hill, overlooking the cityscape at sunset; or over a candlelit dinner under the stars. Whatever the occasion, love is always in the air in timeless Prague, so why not set your fairy-tale here? Read on to find out our suggestions for unforgettable ways to declare your love in Prague – over and over again.



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10 REASONS TO HAVE YOUR WEDDING IN PRAGUE

1. The atmosphere

Prague has an unrivalled atmosphere of charm and beauty owing to its cultural and architectural diversity. For anyone who appreciates European history, architecture or the arts, the Golden City and its 100 spires would make an inspiring backdrop for a dream wedding – and an unforgettable memory.

2. The venues

Because of its storied past as a major centre of European culture and history, Prague has a truly astounding variety of incredible locations ideal for staging your big day. From centuries-old churches and richly gilded palaces, to fairy-tale gardens and fine-dining terraces, to lavish ballrooms and intimate boat rides, there is no shortage of options for both ceremonies and receptions.

3. The photo ops

Prague is easily one of the world's most photogenic cities – and the number of visitors flocking to its cobble streets each year is easy testament to that. Built on seven hills, there is a beautiful photo waiting to be taken at every turn with landmarks such as Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, St. Vitus Cathedral or a gold-tipped tower forming a perfect backdrop for your personal historical event.

4. The value

While no expense should be spared when planning your big day, most couples don't want to break the bank before embarking on the exciting journey of marriage. Fortunately, venues and services in Prague are still considerably less expensive than those offered in much of Western Europe and the United States, which means you and your loved one will have fewer limitations in realising your dreams. A wedding in Prague will take your breath away – not your life's savings.

5. The location

Prague is known as the heart of Europe more than just figuratively – take a look at a map, and you will see it is actually right at the centre of the Continent. Bordering Germany, Austria, Poland and Slovakia, the Czech Republic is within easy reach by air, rail or car from practically all of Europe, and Prague's international airport welcomes regular flights from major destinations around the world.

6. The convenience

In addition to being located in the very heart of Europe, Prague has the benefit of being compact and easily navigable. You and your guests will not spend frustrating hours in busy traffic getting from one venue to another or having to pay for expensive transfers. Prague's perfectly preserved historical centre, remarkable as it is for its size, is still an area that can be easily traversed on foot within an hour. Its intimate atmosphere, scenic setting and iconic landmarks at every turn will make your guests eager to explore the city on their own. Additionally, the legal process and paperwork required for getting married in Prague is straightforward, with no residency requirements.

7. No language barrier

As one would expect of any cosmopolitan capital, the companies, venues and restaurants in Prague are all well-versed in numerous world languages, in particular English, German and Russian, but increasingly in other languages as well. You will be able to communicate every request and detail for planning your wedding exactly the way you want it.

8. The experience & reliability

The companies, venues and restaurants across Prague that specialise in organising and hosting weddings are skilled at more than just languages. Some providers boast more than two decades of experience in navigating the ins and outs of wedding planning, offering a level of professionalism on par with any other city. The providers included in this guide and its online version at www.pragueweddingguide.com have been meticulously selected for their proven excellence.

9. The variety

Whether your preferences run towards an intimate event for your nearest and dearest or a sumptuous affair for several hundred guests, Prague is certain to have the perfect venue just for you. The variety extends also to cuisine; there are highly skilled catering companies and restaurants that offer a wide variety of world cuisines, most notably French, Italian, Indian, Japanese, kosher, Middle Eastern, Thai and, of course, Czech.

10. The talent

Thanks in no small part to its indelible beauty, Prague continues to attract large numbers of gifted people from near and afar; their talent, vision and energy make it the inspiring city that it is. Due to Prague's small size, however, it is quite easy to identify and engage the services of its very best talent – from musicians to photographers, chefs, florists and stylists. All of the wedding agencies listed in this guide work with many of the same fine professionals who are the very best in their field in Prague; this means you will not need to settle for just good-enough.



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WEDDINGS IN PRAGUE

The romance of Prague is timeless, and thus any romantic occasion can be easily celebrated here, no matter whether you are 25, 75 or just the two of you. This is a city that you will fall in love with, and it's the perfect place to mark one of life's milestones, be it proposing and getting engaged, throwing a bachelor or bachelorette party, exchanging marriage vows, taking a honeymoon, renewing your vows or celebrating a special anniversary. The local service providers can help you at any step of the way, from coming up with that personalised way to pop the question to working behind the scenes to ensure that everything goes smoothly. Below are a few ideas to spark your imagination as to what's possible – and this is only the beginning.

THE PROPOSAL

Traditionally, there can't be a wedding without a proposal beforehand, so it is of utmost importance that the proposal sets the tone for what is to come: This is, after all, your chance to show your beloved just how much they mean to you and declare that you are ready to spend the rest of your life with them.

A hidden surprise

Imagine this: You are strolling along, holding hands, until you reach a certain point in the city that you have selected without your beloved knowing. For example, the centre of the famed Charles Bridge. There, upon your request, we have hidden a bouquet of flowers and the ring, and you can happen to find it at just the right moment. Or a messenger can present these to you on the street or over dinner – it is really up to you. Alternatively, you could have the ring baked into a cake and served for dessert following a romantic, candlelit dinner at one of Prague's many award-winning restaurants.



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BEFORE THE BIG DAY

There is so much to do in the run-up to a wedding, but luckily, thanks to the many professionals on hand to take care of all the logistical details, you can focus on the fun stuff. Various traditions incorporate several events that take place before the actual wedding, such as bachelor(-ette) parties and rehearsal dinners.

Based on your wishes, it's possible to organise any sort of event, from something sophisticated and pampering to good old-fashioned crazy fun.

Wine tastings

Prague may be known as the beer capital of the world, but it also has several vineyards of its own, and the Czech Republic has an increasingly good reputation for the quality of its vintages. We could organise a visit for you and a group of friends to one of Prague's vineyards or a local wine bar to have a sampling of the best of the local wines as well as a presentation on wine-making history and techniques. Some of these venues – such as Viniční Altán (Vineyard Gazebo) and the Troja Winery – also have lovely outdoor terraces, as well as the possibility to host actual wedding ceremonies and receptions.

Classic pub crawl

This IS the beer capital of the world, after all. It is nearly impossible to walk more than several feet in Prague's city centre without stumbling across a pub – many of which are hundreds of years old – and there is now a flourishing scene of craft and microbreweries across the city as well. There are several companies that can either plan out a route for you or show you around the highlights.

Spa treatments

Regardless of how much help you have, it is worth it to take some time and unwind at a local spa to make sure you are in tip-top shape for the big day. Many of the city's upscale hotels offer in-house spas where you can easily spend an entire day being pampered with massages, hot-oil treatments, facials, manicures and pedicures. Top it all off with a glass of champagne, and it is the perfect way to prep yourself and your wedding party for the real party that is yet to come.

Photo sessions

Capture the moment and create some unique memories by arranging for you and your friends to have a staged photo session in period costume, with beautiful Prague as your backdrop. Choose a Venetian theme and set sail on a real gondola on the Vltava, or go for Amadeus-style with high Baroque wigs and crinolines while posing in front of (or inside) an ornate Baroque palace.

Rehearsal dinners

As detailed in our "Venues" chapter, many of Prague's most beautiful – and skilled – restaurants are ready to accommodate special events, including a rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding. Parties of any size can be catered to, and there are many different settings to choose from: a candlelit dinner on the riverside; a Michelin-starred fine-dining experience; light bites over a wine tasting; or a laid-back party with fantastic beer and grilled specialties in a leafy garden under the stars.

Historic tram rides

A fun-filled idea for anytime in the run-up to the wedding – for example, for closest friends and family earlier in the week or as a thoughtful way to transport guests from the ceremony to the reception – renting out a historic tram allows you to traverse the city in style while seeing some of its most stunning sights along the way. Also a fun venue for a champagne toast.





WEDDINGS

There is so much to choose from when planning a wedding in Prague that almost any dream can come true here, be it a lavish fairy-tale wedding; a chic, modern event; an easy-going relaxed wedding or anything in between. One of the first things to consider is whether you will want a religious or a civil ceremony and where you would like to have the ceremony, as the organisation of various paperwork can take a bit of time. Keep in mind that the most popular venues often book out well in advance for the peak months of June, July, August and September. The same goes for reception venues, so it is best to get started as early as possible to ensure you can secure your preferred choice.

Ceremony

Civil weddings can be conducted by any town hall authority in their respective district of Prague, and religious ceremonies are possible at any of the authorised churches or synagogues. Many palaces also offer the possibility of hosting civil or religious ceremonies on their grounds, often with the added bonus of being a luxurious venue for a reception following the vows. Local wedding planners can also help you arrange for a wedding ceremony to take place at an outdoor or non-traditional venue, such as a garden or a boat on the Vltava River. Many ceremony locations offer different prices for different days of the week, and weekdays are usually less expensive than Saturdays or Sundays – that said, compared to similar venues in Western Europe or the United States, the prices are generally very reasonable.

Reception

Whether you are looking to have 10 guests or 150, you'll be able to find the perfect venue for your reception in Prague, for any season. As mentioned above, many venues can accommodate both the ceremony and reception, meaning you will not have to worry about shuttling your guests between locations. Some of these are grand Baroque or Renaissance palaces, others are luxury hotels and restaurants. It is also easy to mix it up to make the perfect combination for your perfect day – for example, a religious ceremony at one of the city's historic churches followed by a chic reception at a designer restaurant.

HONEYMOON

No matter how big or small a wedding you may be looking to have, after all the planning and excitement, it is time for you to spend some much-needed one-on-one time with your new spouse. There is so much to do and see in Prague and its surroundings that you can easily spend a week or two exploring the historic city, its museums and gardens, or venturing farther afield for daytrips or weekend trips – for example, to the fairy-tale city of Český Krumlov, close to the Austrian border, or over to south Moravia, the country's sunny wine-making region. Hiking and cycling enthusiasts can take advantage of the intricate network of well-signposted trails that crisscross the entire country and explore several unique national parks that are within easy reach of the capital.





RENEWING VOWS / SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

If you are already married but are thinking of finding somewhere to make a memorably special gesture, such as renewing your wedding vows or marking a special anniversary, Prague has everything you might be looking for. Consider purchasing a special gift to commemorate the milestone you have reached together, such as a pair of beautifully hand-engraved champagne flutes, a stunning bowl or vase with your date inscribed, or commission a piece with your own motif. Bohemian (or Czech) crystal is known for its superb craftsmanship and centuries-long tradition; this object of beauty, infused with personal meaning for the two of you, is certain to become a treasured family heirloom.



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VENUES

Once you've decided to hold your wedding in the Golden City, the most exciting part of planning is choosing where you'll have the ceremony and reception. Here we present the most distinctive venues the city has to offer. Whether it's a palace, church, restaurant, or a boat on the Vltava, you are sure to find the perfect match for your personal style.

Venues key:

-  Recommended for ceremonies
-  Recommended for receptions
-  Stunning view
-  Outdoor space

CHATEAUX AND PALACES

1 | THE AUGUSTINE PRAGUE

The prestigious location of the five-star Augustine Hotel – a secluded monastery in the heart of historical Prague – offers the perfect balance of exclusivity, culture and convenience. A complex of seven different buildings, with the oldest dating back to 1284, it spans the entire architectural spectrum of Baroque, Renaissance and Gothic styles. The luxuriously refurbished property offers lavish rooms, sophisticated cuisine and state-of-the-art relaxation and recreational services. The hotel's atmosphere is steeped in its history of more than 700 years, and with its direct entrance to St. Thomas Church, it promises to create unforgettable memories on your wedding day.

www.augustinehotel.com



2 | THE NEO-BAROQUE BOCCACCIO BALLROOM

The iconic Boccaccio Ballroom is located in the five-star Grand Hotel Bohemia in the heart of Old Town. With a capacity of up to 120 guests, the hall provides a truly lavish backdrop to an impressive wedding reception.

www.grandhotelbohemia.cz



3 | BOSCOLO PRAGUE HOTEL

The prestigious Italian hotel group's Prague outpost is a five-star locale for your five-star occasion. A luxury art hotel, the Boscolo is housed in a beautiful Neo-Renaissance palace with unique touches like marble accents and elegant stucco work throughout, as well as a Roman Spa with a swimming pool tiled with mosaics. The Grand Opera Ballroom, gourmet restaurant and adjacent Cigar Bar are the perfect setting for a classic, yet chic, wedding reception.

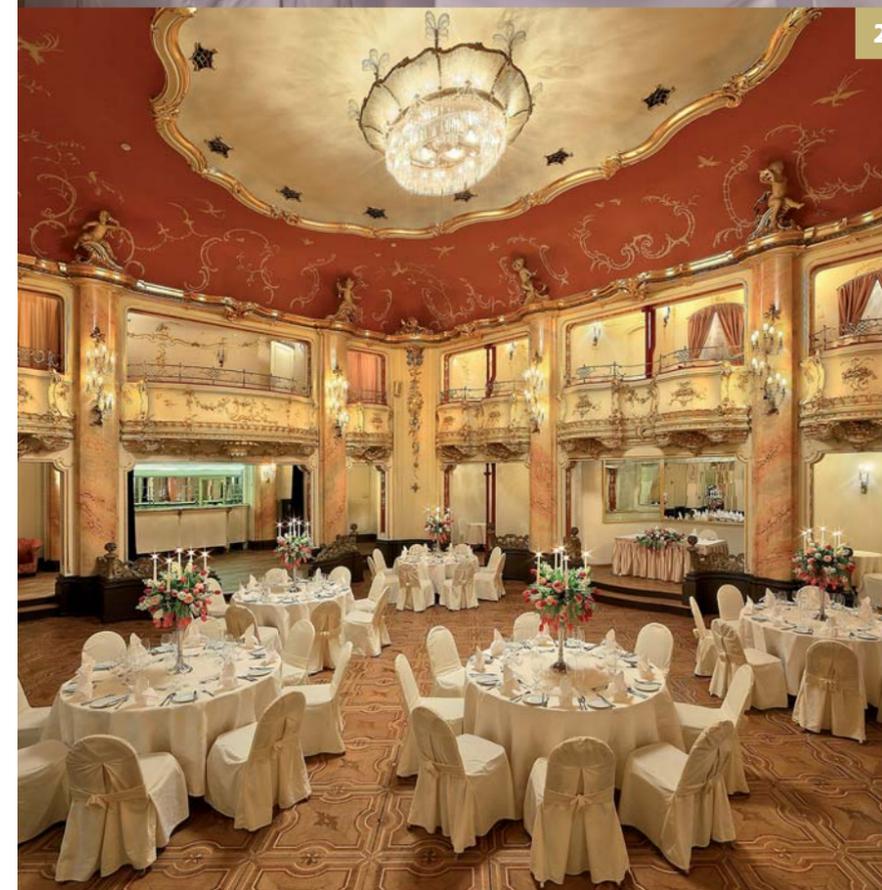
prague.boscolohotels.com



4 | CHATEAU St. HAVEL

This romantic chateau hotel is a completely renovated neo-Gothic chateau located in the Prague 4 neighbourhood of Krč, with wide open spaces in the middle of a stylish English park with several idyllic ponds. Experience a unique wedding ceremony in the historical St. Havel's (Giles') Chapel, whose history dates to the 13th century. Ceremonies in the spring or summer seasons can be held in the open air or in the romantic environs of the hotel's garden atrium. Both religious and civil ceremonies can be accommodated. Following the reception, the newly married couple can spend their first wedding night in the splendid Tower Suite.

www.chateauhotel.cz





5 | THE CLEMENTINUM MIRROR CHAPEL

The Clementinum is one of the largest building complexes in Europe. Originally a Jesuit college, it now hosts the National Library. Its Mirror Chapel was built after 1720; its interior is notable for the harmonious use of marble on the walls and tiles, golden stucco and ceiling frescoes. Its use of mirrors ranks it among the world's most unique venues. The Clementinum's astronomical view that affords a panoramic view of Prague is perfectly suited for romantic moments and photo ops.

www.klementinum.com



6 | THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL PRAGUE

Prague's most glamorous ceremonies unfold in true luxurious style, with centuries of architecture providing the backdrop for stellar Four Seasons cuisine and personalised care. The Old Town location on the banks of the Vltava River offers fairy-tale views of Charles Bridge and Prague Castle. The spacious main ballroom flows outdoors onto a riverside terrace, while the Baroque ballroom offers sunlit 16th-century beauty.

www.fourseasons.com/prague



7 | THE LOBKOWICZ PALACE – PRAGUE CASTLE

The Lobkowitz Palace is the only privately-owned building in the Prague Castle complex, and it can be rented for exclusive wedding experiences in the palace's 17th-century halls and ballroom. Throughout the year, couples can say their vows in the historic chapel, adorned with Baroque frescoes, welcome their guests to marvel at Prague's breathtaking panoramic views from the balcony, and dine and dance under the magnificent chandeliers in the elegant Imperial Hall. With unmatched views of the city in an elite location, Lobkowitz Palace is the perfect place to make your own history.

www.lobkowitz.cz



8 | MANDARIN ORIENTAL, PRAGUE

Located in a former Dominican monastery in the exclusive Lesser Town district, Mandarin Oriental, Prague offers an alluring and private setting of sophisticated style. For more than four decades, the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has been arranging both intimate and lavishly extensive weddings and celebrations. The hotel offers authentic historical interiors that include a former Renaissance chapel, as well as an unforgettable outdoor experience in the Monastery Garden.

www.mandarinoriental.com/prague



9 | MARTINIC PALACE

The Renaissance Martinic Palace, just steps from Prague Castle, rents out its large halls for various ceremonies. The hall includes its own chapel, which is adorned with classical religious paintings, and the palace houses a courtyard with a fountain, many parlours with period furniture and frescoed ceilings with original wooden beams. The palace has an authentic, historical atmosphere that is certain to impress your guests.

www.martinickypalac.cz



10 | MUNICIPAL HOUSE

This Art Nouveau palace, which dominates náměstí Republiky, was built between 1905 and 1912 as a representative house of the capital city of Prague, and is one of the finest Art Nouveau structures in the city. The most significant Czech painters and sculptors contributed to decorating its beautiful interiors. The Mayor's Hall is most suitable for weddings. It is decorated with frescoes and murals galore and boasts stained-glass windows created by the artist Alfons Mucha.

www.obecni-dum.cz



11 | OLD TOWN HALL

Old Town Hall and the famous Astronomical Clock are among Prague's most instantly recognisable sights. Old Town Hall consists of a complex of several buildings on the historic Old Town Square that were gradually combined into a single entity. With the dramatic expanse of Old Town Square and Týn Church as your backdrop, you can always count on admiring crowds helping you celebrate your special day. The council hall of Old Town Hall is among the most popular venues for weddings, so it is highly recommended that you book your wedding date sufficiently in advance.

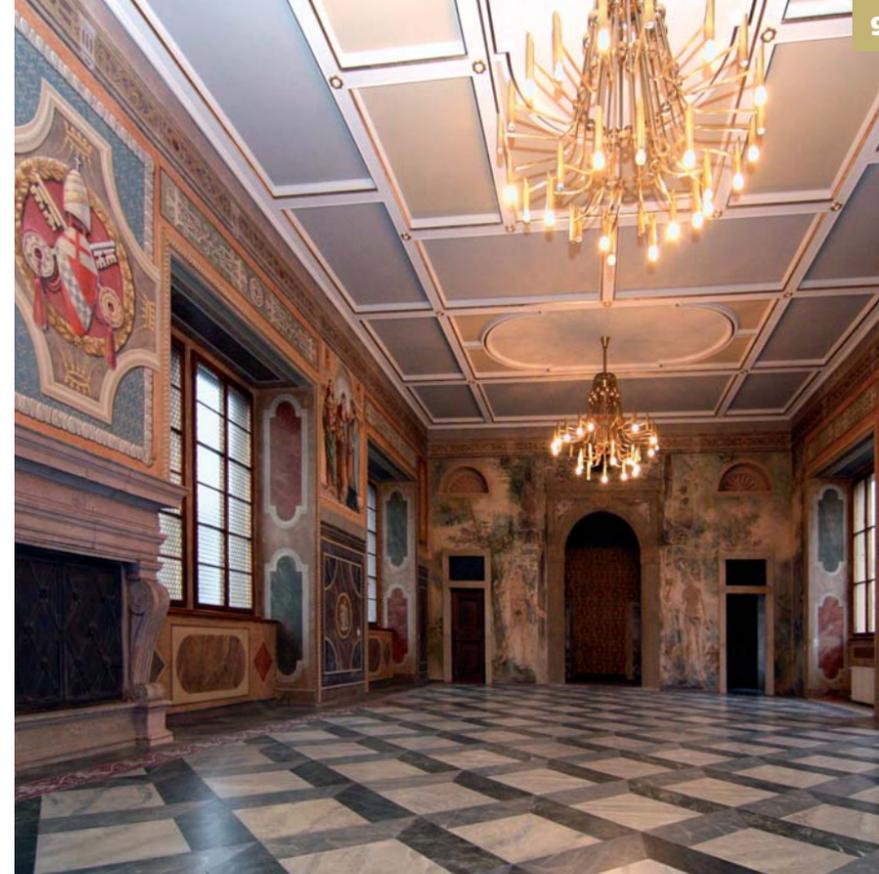
www.staromestskaradnicepraha.cz



12 | MAMAISON SUITE HOTEL PACHTUV PALACE

This Baroque palace now serves as the home of the luxurious Mamaison Suite Hotel Pachtuv Palace. Just a few steps from Charles Bridge, it offers stunning views of the Vltava River and Prague Castle. The hotel has two courtyards that provide a peaceful and romantic environment for your special day. The hotel also contains the Amade restaurant, which can prepare a personalised wedding menu based on the bride and groom's preferences. Newlyweds will also appreciate the charming wedding suite.

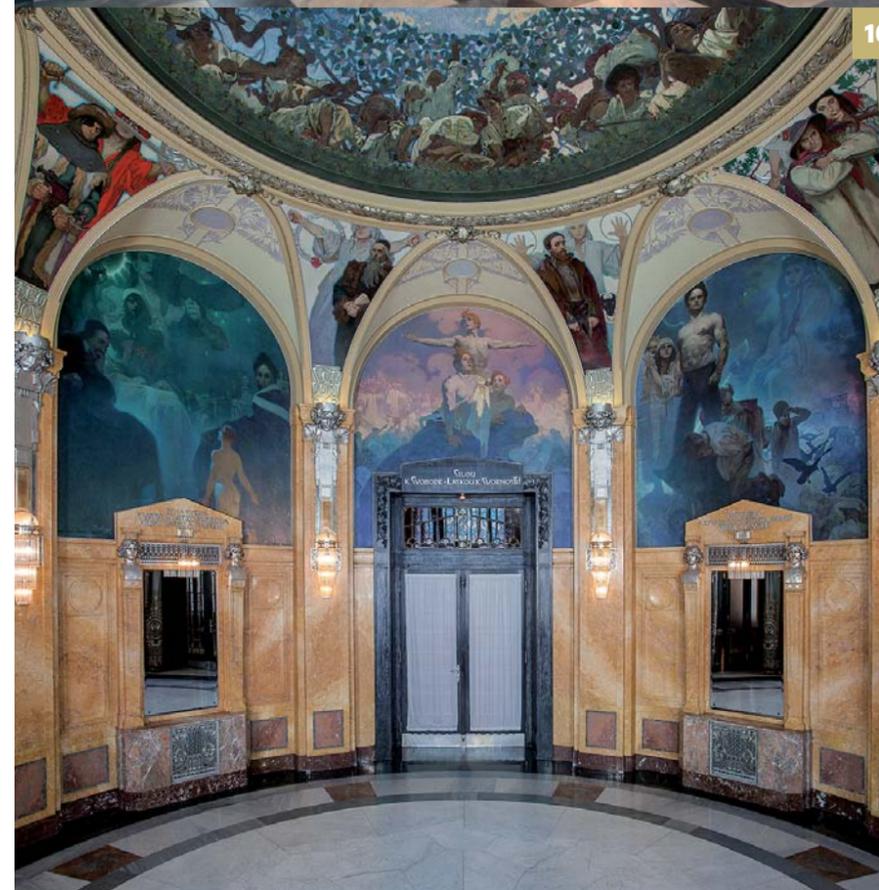
www.mamaison.com



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13 | PÁLFFY PALACE

Located in the very heart of Prague's Lesser Town, this Baroque palace, which dates back to the 18th century, boasts incredible views of Prague Castle and its gardens from its sprawling terraces. The palace's gardens also serve as a popular venue for wedding ceremonies. Home to the acclaimed Pálffy Palace restaurant, which adjoins the terraces, Pálffy has everything one might need for an elegant wedding day. The sumptuous, gilded restaurant, furnished tastefully with antiques, golden candlesticks and elaborate chandeliers, accentuates the romantic atmosphere.

www.palffy.cz



14 | THE TROJA CHATEAU

The Troja Chateau, completed in 1691, is one of the most significant and pristine examples of Baroque architecture in Bohemia, and is located next to Prague Zoo in the Troja neighbourhood. Its vast hedge-rowed garden, filled with ornamental and fruit trees, is home to a small natural maze, fountains and an orange grove. The sweeping stone staircase, decorated with statues of gods and giants, is the perfect backdrop for wedding photos. The interiors, and Imperial Hall in particular, are decorated with monumental frescoes; this hall, along with the gardens, are the chateau's most popular venues for wedding ceremonies.

www.citygalleryprague.cz



15 | U ZLATÉ STUDNĚ

The history of the U Zlaté studně building dates back to 1528. Since as far back as 1900, the building has housed a small restaurant with magnificent views – many say the finest – over Prague's fabled rooftops. The terrace at the Golden Well boutique hotel is located on the fourth floor and is the ideal venue for a romantic dinner for two or a wedding celebration, with a backdrop of the cityscape and a truly unmistakable atmosphere. In the summer months, guests can enjoy the privilege of a private gate that leads from the terrace directly to Prague Castle's Palace Gardens. This gate, formerly a private entrance for Emperor Rudolph II, is opened and closed each day by the Castle Guard.

www.terasauzlatestudne.cz



16 | ŽOFÍN PALACE

A neo-Renaissance building situated on Slovanský Island on the Vltava, Žofín Palace is just steps away from the National Theatre. The name Žofín comes from the Archduchess Sophie, mother of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph I. Žofín Palace has several halls and the more intimate Lord Mayor's Parlour, as well as an acclaimed outdoor restaurant within a covered pavilion.

www.zofin.cz



CATHEDRALS, CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES

17 | THE BASILICA OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul is a part of the complex of national cultural monuments of Vyšehrad, the ancient seat of Czech princes perched on a rocky cliff on the right bank of the Vltava and overlooking the city. Since its foundation in 1070, the church has undergone several modifications and renovations. Its current neo-Gothic appearance offers marvellous interiors that are ideal for religious ceremonies.

www.kkvys.cz



18 | BŘEVNOV MONASTERY

Because of its versatility in which all parts of a wedding ceremony and the following events can be held in a single location, Břevnov Monastery has been a popular wedding venue for decades. A religious wedding ceremony can be held in St. Margaret's Basilica, while civil ceremonies are often held in the garden behind Vojtěška Pavilion or in the Maria Theresa Hall. This hall is also suitable for wedding receptions. The Sala Terrena, on the contrary, usually hosts after-parties. Newlyweds may then retire to the wedding suite in the Adalbert Hotel, situated in the complex of Břevnov Monastery's buildings.

www.brevnov.cz



19 | THE CHURCH OF St. GILES

A monumental three-aisle church consecrated in 1371, the Gothic Church of St. Giles is one of Old Town's most stunning churches. Tucked away just off Wenceslas Square, it is close to the Dominican rose gardens and boasts a soaring Baroque interior with Gothic elements on the outside. It also has the largest classical organ in Prague, with 3,500 reed pipes and breath-taking acoustics, making it the perfect venue for a religious wedding ceremony accompanied by music.

praha.op.cz



20 | THE CHURCH OF St. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Located just steps below Prague Castle in the Lesser Quarter, this Gothic church dates back to 1285 and was founded by King Wenceslas II. A wonderfully historically rich site for a religious wedding ceremony, the interiors include many well-preserved frescoes from the 14th century and numerous other notable works of art from the past 600 years.

www.augustiniani.cz





21 | JUBILEE OR JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE

The youngest and largest synagogue in Prague's historical centre, this synagogue was built in the Moorish style and completed at the beginning of the 20th century. There are 850 seats in the synagogue, which makes it the ideal venue for larger wedding ceremonies. The interior offers richly painted ornaments of the Vienna Art Nouveau style, incomparable to any synagogue in the world. The synagogue still conducts religious services.

www.kehilaprag.cz



22 | THE OLD-NEW SYNAGOGUE

The Old-New Synagogue, situated in the historic Jewish Quarter of Prague's Old Town, is the oldest active synagogue in all of Europe. The synagogue was built in 1270 and was originally called the New or Great Synagogue. Its current name was given in the 16th century, when other synagogues were first constructed in Prague. The synagogue represents one of the best examples of Gothic architecture in Bohemia. Weddings are organised through the Rabbinate of the Jewish Community of Prague.

www.kehilaprag.cz



23 | SACRÉ COEUR

The deconsecrated chapel of Sacré Coeur is located on the site of the former convent and boarding school of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The neo-Gothic church of Sacré Coeur was erected during the 19th century. Its magnificent interior and adjacent facilities, including the gardens, may be used both for religious and civil wedding ceremonies and subsequent wedding receptions.

www.sacrecoeur.cz



24 | STRAHOV MONASTERY

The Royal Premonstratensian Monastery in Strahov is among the oldest preserved functional monasteries of the Premonstratensians in the world. The continuity of its existence has been virtually uninterrupted since its foundation in 1143. Today, the monastery hosts the Museum of Czech Literature, a part of which is the world-famous Strahov Library and picture gallery. The Summer and Winter Refectories are available for civil ceremonies.

www.strahovskyclaster.cz



25 | St. VITUS CATHEDRAL

The soaring Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral is the most recognisable part of Prague Castle and one of the dominant structures of Prague's panorama. As the seat of the Prague Archbishopric, it is the most significant Catholic institution in the Czech Republic, as well as being an extraordinary building from the architectural point of view. The three-aisled cathedral, which has a crosswise nave, a triforium and a circle of chapels, was built during the 14th century on the site of an original rotunda and later a basilica. Religious wedding ceremonies can be held here during evening hours after the cathedral is closed to the public.

www.katedralasvatehovita.cz





GARDENS, PARKS AND OUTDOOR VENUES

26 | GRÉBOVKA PAVILION

The pavilion is situated in the upper part of Grébovka Park, in the leafy residential neighbourhood of Vinohrady. It was built during the 1870s as a garden play area with a shooting range, a lawn skittles alley, chess boards and other attractions where visitors could relax and unwind. Grébovka Pavilion is the official wedding venue of Prague 2, and the local staff is capable of arranging a detailed wedding program for you, including a unique reception. Your civil or religious wedding can be held in the beautiful and well-maintained park or in the pavilion itself.

www.pavilongrebovka.cz



27 | THE KEMPINSKI HOTEL HYBERNSKÁ PRAGUE

The garden at the Kempinski Hotel Hybernská is a fine setting for your spring or summer wedding ceremony. In this beautiful and relaxing environment, the experienced Kempinski staff will deliver immaculate service and exceptional attention to detail to ensure that you have a perfect day, regardless of whether your wedding is an intimate romantic gathering or a lavish and luxurious celebration.

www.kempinski.com/prague



28 | PALACE GARDENS BELOW PRAGUE CASTLE

The complex of gardens below Prague Castle, where architectural beauty tastefully combines with the surroundings, is an indented terrain scattered with fountains, whimsical staircases and passages, gloriottes and loggias with mesmerising views of Prague's historic city centre.

The main area for wedding ceremonies is the representative parterre of **Ledebourg Garden**, which can seat up to 256 guests, and the paths surrounding the grassy area can support tables for refreshments. A portion of the private garden is occupied by the three-part **Sala Terrena**, which boasts excellent acoustics; even a small chamber ensemble needs no sound system. The southern part of the garden parterre houses the interior of the **Ledebourg Palace Gallery**. This splendid and richly glassed-in gallery has its own foyer and a staircase leading to the garden parterre. Three large crystal chandeliers add grandeur to the interior. Its elegant environment is ideal for protecting festive tables in the off-season or in times of inclement weather. Wedding receptions can be held in the gardens or in the restaurants directly connected to the gardens: Pálffy Palace or Villa Richter.

www.palacove-zahrady.cz



29 | PRAGUE'S BOTANICAL GARDEN

Let yourself be enchanted by the romantic corners of the botanical garden in Troja and enjoy an unforgettable wedding in the open air. Say "I do" surrounded by the breath-taking beauty of nature. The terrace under St. Clara's Chapel offers a captivating view of Prague and the winding Vltava River surrounded by the local vineyard. For something truly unique, you can also say your wedding vows in a bamboo meadow. If you love the exotic, then the waterfall terrace in the Fata Morgana tropical greenhouse is the ideal venue for your special day. www.botanicka.cz



30 | VILLA RICHTER

A wedding in the middle of one of the oldest vineyards in Bohemia, right next to Prague Castle, is magical at any time of the year. The breath-taking view of St. Wenceslas Vineyard is the perfect backdrop for an open-air wedding ceremony. A reception can then be held in one of the stylish restaurants with unique panoramic views of Prague – The Piano Terra Restaurant on the ground floor with an adjacent terrace or the exclusive Piano Nobile Restaurant located on the upper floor, which includes a greenhouse with subtropical flora, four private parlours with elegant interiors and a terrace with a beautiful view. www.villarichter.cz



31 | VRTBA (VRTBOVSKÁ) GARDEN

Vrtba Garden is one of the most charming sites of Baroque Prague and is recorded on the list of UNESCO historical sites. Wedding ceremonies are held in the Sala Terrena, which is decorated with a ceiling fresco depicting the mythological figures of lovers Venus and Adonis and symbolises the circle of life. This beautiful garden location is perfect for wedding photographs, which, thanks to the silhouettes of St. Nicholas Church in the Lesser Town, Prague Castle and Prague's rooftops, will forever remain a part of your unforgettable day. www.vrtbovska.cz



32 | ŽOFÍN GARDEN

This covered outdoor restaurant is situated in the beautiful environs of Slovanský Island on the Vltava River. The restaurant connects Žofín Palace with a romantic gazebo, a stylish location for a wedding ceremony. The restaurant can prepare wedding receptions for parties of up to 200 people. Your youngest wedding guests will certainly appreciate the well-appointed play area and, for those with plenty of energy, a sophisticated playground just a few steps away. www.zofingarden.cz



MODERN AND ECLECTIC

33 | ARIA HOTEL

This designer hotel is dedicated to the theme of music and is situated adjacent to the magnificent Vrtba Garden, a premier wedding venue. The experienced staff will help organise your entire wedding and prepare a unique music program especially for you and your wedding party. Venues include the CODA Restaurant, its winter garden and spectacular rooftop terrace, and of course, the Vrtba garden.

www.ariahotel.net



34 | HERGETOVA CIHELNA

This lively and stylish restaurant on the banks of the Vltava River boasts a magnificent view of Charles Bridge. It is popular with visitors and locals alike for its creative takes on popular Czech and international dishes. Its mesmerising views and convivial atmosphere will ensure an unforgettable experience for both the newlyweds and their guests.

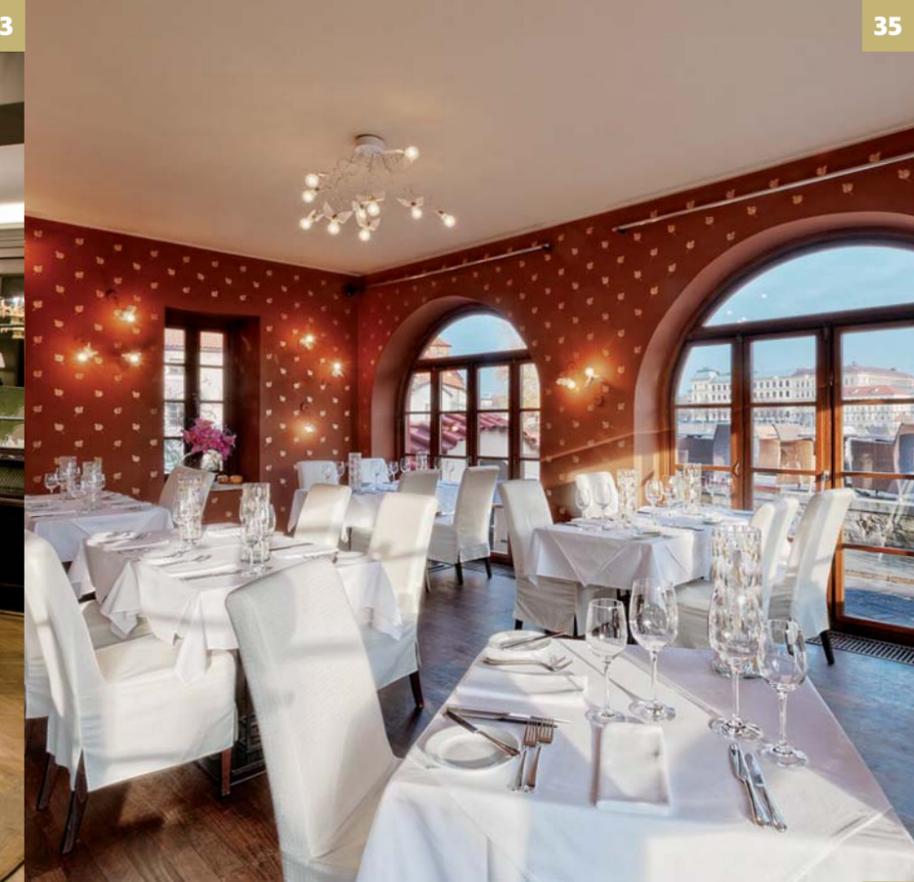
www.kampagroup.com

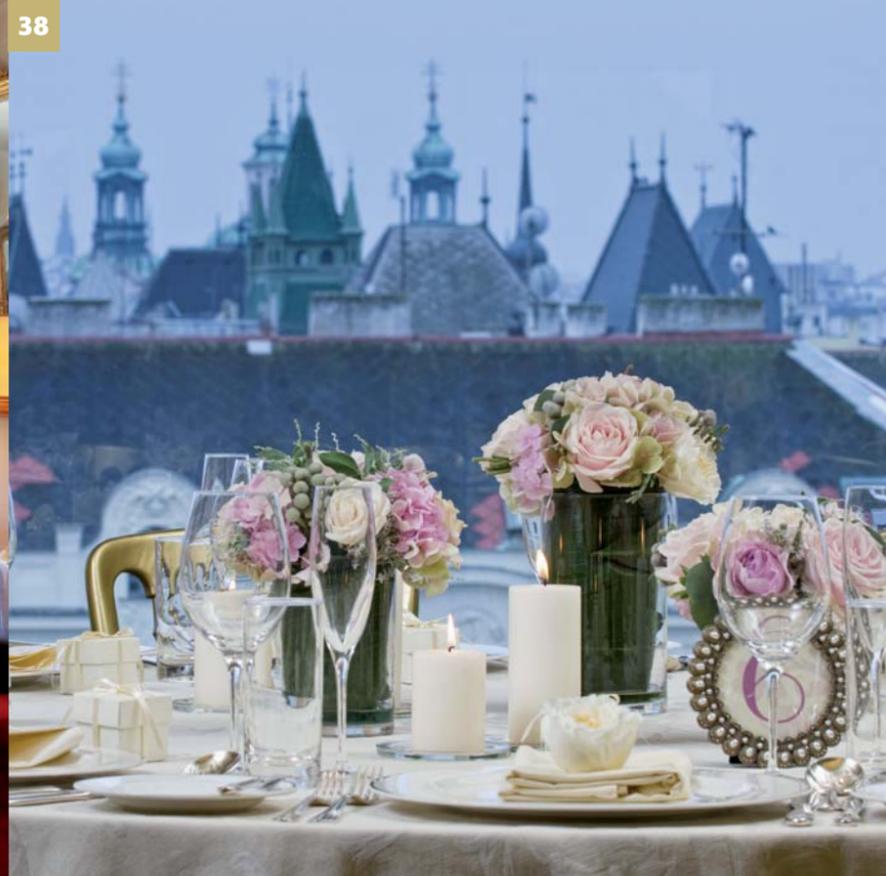


35 | KAMPA PARK

Thanks to its superb cuisine, which includes top-class seafood and meat specialties, not to mention more than 150 types of wine, the Kampa Group's flagship restaurant Kampa Park is one of the most sought-after restaurants in the city. It is also notable for its beautiful terrace and enviable views of Charles Bridge. Receptions can be held either in the restaurant's stylish rooms or on a more intimate terrace on the riverbank.

www.kampagroup.com





36 | RIO'S VYŠEHRAD RESTAURANT

The stylish yet relaxed restaurant has the perfect location amid the tranquil and romantic gardens of Prague's Vyšehrad Fortress directly facing the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. It is a popular choice for receptions following a religious ceremony in the basilica or a civil ceremony in the gardens of the adjacent park.

www.riorestaurant.cz



37 | SOHO+ RESTAURANT & GARDEN

This stylish restaurant and terrace are located in a tranquil spot along the right bank of the Vltava River just south of the city centre. Its stylish interior and a pleasant white terrace are perfect venues for a wedding celebration. The new concept of "essential cuisine" was introduced in SOHO by Rostislav Růžanský, a Michelin chef, who has collected essences from all over the world and brings them to the table. The accomplished cuisine and the sleek yet romantic atmosphere will make this a sophisticated modern choice.

www.soho.cz



38 | ZLATÁ PRAHA RESTAURANT

Zlatá Praha Restaurant, together with its outdoor terrace, is situated on the ninth floor of the InterContinental Prague Hotel in the heart of Old Town. It offers one of the best gastronomical experiences in the Czech capital. Guests can enjoy dishes from both Czech and international cuisine, and marvel at the magical atmosphere with a panoramic view of Prague's Old Town that is truly unforgettable, especially at night. The terrace and its charming views of Old Town, Prague Castle, the Vltava River and Letná Park are available as a special venue for your wedding ceremony, with the upscale restaurant then hosting your reception.

www.zlatapraharestaurant.cz



UNUSUAL AND CHARMING

39 | THE MATYLDA BOAT HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

Its enviable location in the historical centre of Prague, not far from the National Theatre, and one-of-a-kind ambience provided by two elegant boats make this hotel one of the most unique venues in all of Europe. The complex is moored on a newly renovated embankment that runs along the Vltava River spanning from under Vyšehrad rock to as far as the Mánes Gallery. The hotel is situated close to this gallery, where wedding ceremonies can be held.

www.botelmatylda.cz



40 | PRAGUE VENICE

Incorporate a touch of Italy into your Prague wedding by embarking on a stylish contemporary boat with a cosy interior design or a genuine Venetian-style gondola. Sail along the river past Old Town, gaze upon the unique panorama of Prague Castle from the Vltava, and experience the romantic atmosphere of the great Grand Priory Mill on Certovka Stream. The Saloon Speedship Nepomuk is able to host wedding ceremonies as well as receptions for up to 100 passengers. For smaller wedding parties, the boat Vodouch offers its services.

www.prazskebenatky.cz





41 | TOWER PARK PRAHA

The most striking and tallest structure in the city, the Žižkov television tower offers a unique 360° view in thematically designed capsules that include a restaurant, bistro, bar and six-suite. The Oblaca restaurant, located 66 metres above ground, offers a unique combination of modern cuisine with a beautiful view of the metropolis in a one-of-a-kind venue. For the wedding night, the tower's luxurious one-room hotel, with designer furnishings and sweeping bird's-eye views of the entire city, is an especially inspired choice.

www.towerpark.cz



42 | VINIČNÍ ALTÁN

Would you love to have your wedding in the middle of a vineyard while still being in the heart of Prague? How about a toast with wine made from grapes growing just a few steps from where you say "I do"? Such a dream can come true in the Grébovka park and vineyard. The vineyard's wooden gazebo restaurant and wine bar, a newly reconstructed attractive cultural landmark, is the ideal venue for a non-traditional wedding ceremony.

www.vinicni-altan.cz



43 | THE VYŠEHRAD STEAMBOAT

The paddle steamer Vyšehrad, operated by the Prague Steamboat Company, is one of the last two paddle boats on the Vltava River. In 2013, it was declared a Czech cultural monument. It first began cruising the Vltava in 1938, making it the oldest – and, with a length of 62 metres and width of 10.6 metres, also the biggest – boat in Prague. For a wedding ceremony aboard the Vyšehrad, you can choose where along the route you'd like to say "I do." The deck also serves as the ideal place for your wedding reception and subsequent parties that can end with a midnight fireworks display.

www.praguesteamboats.com





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WEDDING SERVICES

When it comes to planning your special day, there are so many details to organise – and planning a wedding in a foreign country can make all those details seem even more daunting. The best way to ensure a stress-free and memorable day – and to make sure you and your beloved can focus on the excitement and romance in the build-up to your wedding – is to find a reliable service provider, someone on the ground in Prague who can help you choose a venue, a photographer, catering, flowers, dress rental and more. To help you make sure your wedding day is everything you have always dreamed of, we've put together a carefully selected list of service providers who have proved themselves time and time again with excellent results, glowing client recommendations and a professional approach. For more information, please visit www.pragueweddingguide.com.



WEDDING AGENCIES

Exclusive Weddings in Prague

EWiP is a wedding planning agency specialising in destination weddings. The agency provides highly personalised service in creating an unforgettable experience and ensuring everything goes off without a hitch. Its solid reputation precedes it, and the agency is routinely recommended by many of the finest hotels in Prague. The agency has forged beneficial relationships with the city council authorities and churches, and its main focus is love, passion and a personal approach.

www.exclusiveweddingsinprague.com

White Agency Ltd. – Prague Wedding Agency

A destination wedding planner and creative stylist for weddings in Prague that is based both in Prague and London, the White Agency has 10 years of experience on the weddings market and is honoured to have been chosen as the only Czech member of the Little Black Book by Style Me Pretty.

www.pragueweddingagency.com

PragueWeddings.com

PragueWeddings.com is an experienced (15 years) full-service wedding coordination company offering a wide variety of services, venues, packages and options for your wedding abroad. With more than a decade of experience in the wedding planning industry, the agency strives to bring each and every client the superior level of security and experience that they deserve in an open, honest and friendly manner when organising one of the most important days of their lives: their wedding.

www.pragueweddings.com

Adam & Eva Wedding Services

Adam & Eva Wedding Services has been providing top wedding planning assistance for more than eight years. Its extensive international experience allows the agency to tailor the day of your dreams as well as other social events. The agency has successfully organised and creatively planned countless weddings and events ranging from small, family celebrations to a days-long royal wedding and a banquet for the Czech government.

www.adameva.cz

Bohemiaweddings.com

Bohemiaweddings specialises in assisting couples from all over the world who dream of a romantic, unique and beautiful wedding in one of the world's most sought-after historical locations: Prague. The agency does everything to make the planning process and wedding day easy for you – and more fun than you could possibly imagine.

www.bohemiaweddings.com

Luxury Wedding



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- 1 | Pronovias Lany luxurious wedding dress, Adina Wedding Centre, www.adina.cz
- 2 | Forever together, Petr Pelucha Photography, www.pelucha.com
- 3 | Wedding prints, Print-shop and art studio Printia, www.printia.cz
- 4 | Luxury of Damascus pattern wedding cake, Punk Rock Cakes, www.punkrockcakes.cz
- 5 | Glamorous hairstyle with orchids, Petra Měchurová Hair Design, www.petra.mechurova.cz

White Wedding



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- 6 | Christian Bauer Wedding rings, Halada Fine Jewellery, www.halada.cz
- 7 | Omay wedding dress, Nuance Wedding house, www.nuance.cz
- 8 | "Good morning bride", Štěpán Vrzala Photography, www.stepanvrzala.net
- 9 | Wedding Cake Art Deco, Prague City Cake, www.praguecitycake.com
- 10 | Lincoln V Limousine, LCS-Limousine Car Spiritka, www.aclimuziny.cz
- 11 | Delicate bouquet, Flower Atelier Rosmarino, www.rosmarino.cz

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Romantic Wedding



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- 1 | Wedding announcements, Wedding prints Chystáme svatbu, www.chystamesvatbu.cz
- 2 | Ideas for a wedding present – Czech crystal-glass craft, Artěl Glass, www.artelglass.com
- 3 | A red wedding bouquet, Mat Flowers Desing, www.mat-flowers.cz
- 4 | Kurt Vinion Photography www.kurtvinion.com
- 5 | A romantic Ramsey dress, Bridal salon Maggie, www.maggie.cz
- 6 | Thousand flowers wedding cake, Bakeshop Praha, www.bakeshop.cz

Simply Beautiful



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- 7 | Diamond engagement ring, Aurum Jewellery, www.klenotyaurum.cz
- 8 | 3-tier cake and cupcakes, SweetDots Confectionary, www.sweetdots.cz
- 9 | The D-day, Matouš Duchek Photography, www.fotografie-svatebni.cz
- 10 | A bouquet of blessings, calla lily, Flower Design Studio, www.flowerdesign.cz
- 11 | Bridal hair styling, Petra Měchurová Hair Design, www.petra.mechurova.cz
- 12 | Complete wedding styling, Bomton Weddings Studio, www.bomtonweddings.cz



LEGAL AFFAIRS

A wedding in the Czech Republic is fully recognised by the legal systems of other countries. As in your home country, in Prague you also are required to complete a registration form and submit all of the necessary documents. Wedding agencies are ready to handle most of those legislative steps on your behalf; nevertheless, kindly pay attention to the brief description of the entire procedure below.

A civil marriage can be concluded at the registration office of any individual municipal district authority in Prague. A religious ceremony may be held by any of the 21 officially registered churches that are authorised to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in the Czech Republic. The most common religious wedding ceremonies are marriages celebrated by the Roman-Catholic Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, evangelical churches, Orthodox churches and Jewish synagogues.

Other religious associations in Prague include the Czech Hindu Religion Society, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, the Centre of Muslim Communities, Diamond Way Buddhism and the Russian Orthodox Church. They will lead you through your wedding spiritually, but the marriage itself must be concluded in the presence of wedding registrars of the respective municipal district authority of Prague.

The application to enter into a marriage as well as specific details about the procedure should be obtained from the respective Prague District Hall or the local church or synagogue. The application is then submitted to the respective City Hall, which is authorised to keep vital statistical records, or to a local church or synagogue at least one month prior to the wedding date. Applicants are required to present the following documents to the local Czech authorities:

- **Birth certificate** (full long birth certificates with the names of both parents)
- **Passport**
- If widowed, the death certificate of the deceased spouse
- If divorced, the (court-granted) divorce decree
- **No impediment certificate/marriage license** certifying the applicant's capacity to marry and certifying that no legal impediment exists and proves that he/she is free to marry. These documents are required in order to guarantee that the marriage entered into in the Czech Republic will be recognised by law in the foreign applicant's native country

Confirmation that your stay in the Czech Republic is legal must be obtained from the Czech Foreign Police and submitted prior to the wedding ceremony (this does not apply to EU citizens).

All documents issued outside of the Czech Republic must be certified with an apostille (a governmental stamp that certifies documents of foreign origin for use in the Czech Republic) or another form of governmental legalisation and translated into Czech.

Czech law requires that an officially authorised court interpreter attend the ceremony if either the bride or groom does not speak Czech.

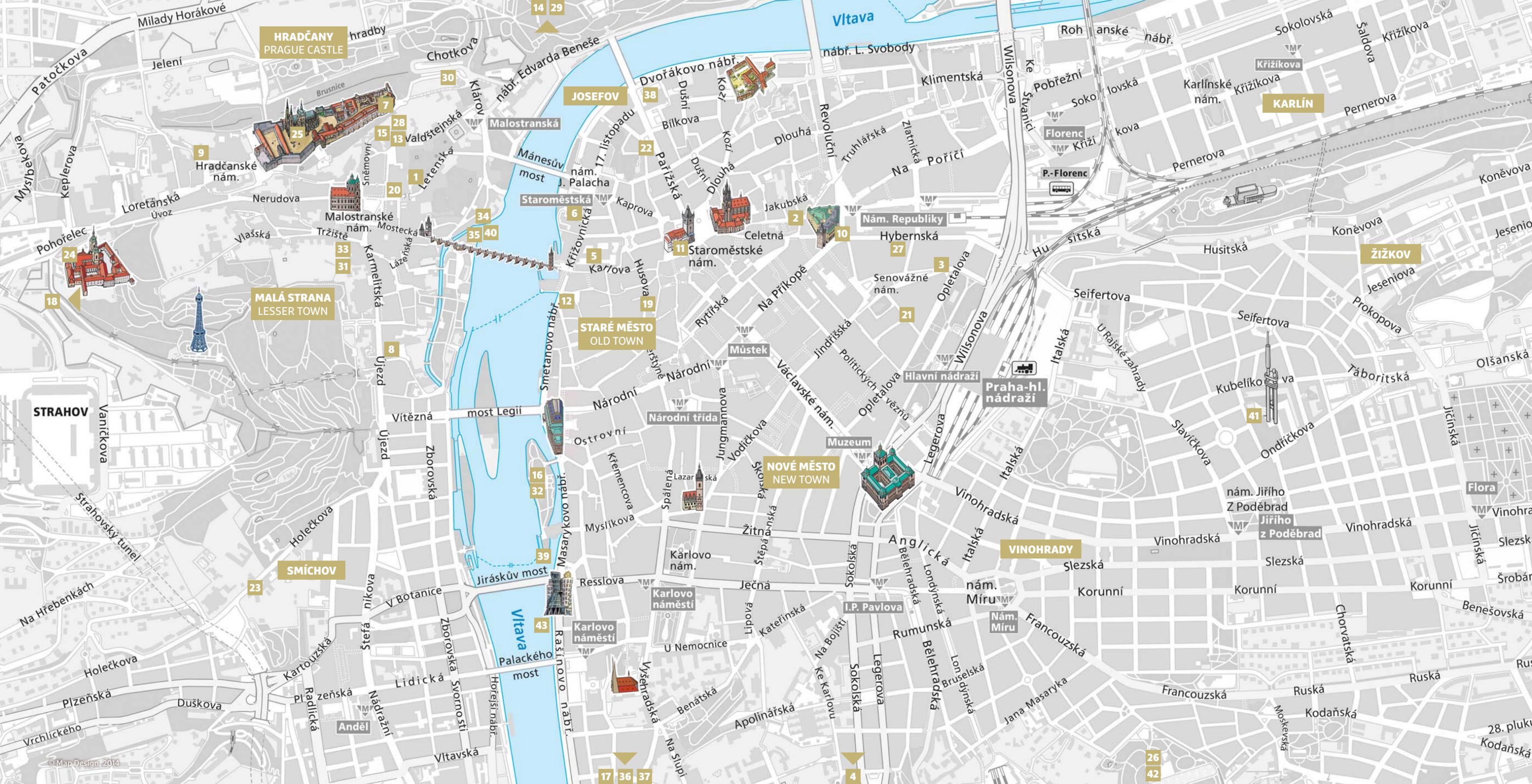
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