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Welcome to Emergence!

This brochure provides directions, transport options, and all the information you'll need for the conference. Get ready to experience Prague firsthand and enjoy all the goodies planned for you.

The basics

● Tourist safety

Prague is a very safe city to visit, with the Czech Republic being the 8th most peaceful country in Europe and the 9th in the world, based on the recent Global Peace Index.

● Czech currency

The official unit of currency of the Czech Republic is the Czech crown (Kč, CZK). The Czech Republic uses coins in CZK 1, CZK 2, CZK 5, CZK 10, CZK 20 and CZK 50. Paper banknotes have values of CZK 100, CZK 200, CZK 500, CZK 1,000, CZK 2,000 and CZK 5,000. Detailed information about the current CZK exchange rate regarding other global currencies and a currency calculator can be found at www.cnb.cz and the European Central Bank (<https://tinyurl.com/3tkyww5u>).

International credit cards are accepted for payment in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Exchange offices and ATMs are available throughout the city and at Prague International Airport. Payment in cash in EUR is also available in some restaurants and shops; please ask for details on-site, as this option may only sometimes be available.

● Exchange offices

In Prague, a comprehensive network of exchange offices is available. For the most secure currency exchange, it is recommended to utilize banks and refrain from exchanging money with individuals on the street. Exchange offices are not permitted to charge any fees and all commissions must be reflected in the offered exchange rate. You can find the official exchange rates and pieces of advice on the website of the Czech National Bank.

Exchange offices are strictly prohibited from imposing fees, and any applicable commissions must be transparently incorporated into the offered exchange rate. Official exchange rates and valuable guidance can be accessed on the Czech National Bank's website. For additional information and advice, please refer to the following link: [Ten Golden Rules for Currency Exchange](#).

● Crypto payments

In which Prague restaurants, and coffee shops can I pay with crypto? For more information on which Prague restaurants, coffee shops and service etc you can pay with crypto visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3yry596j>

Important contacts

You can get through to these wherever you are at any time free of charge.

Emergency Calls: 112

(this number works throughout the whole of Europe, including universal medical aid, the police and the fire brigade, but it might not necessarily work on older mobile telephones without SIM cards)

Fire Brigade: 150

Medical First Aid: 155

Police: 158

Municipal Police: 156

(has limited authority and resolves local issues)

● **Embassies & consulates**

In the event of any complications, you can get help from your country's embassy or consulate. A list of embassies and consulates with the necessary contact details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3ht6pfr7>

The Czech Republic is a part of the European Union and belongs to the Schengen area. Residents of countries that are also part of the European Union or the Schengen area are not required to obtain a permit to stay in the Czech Republic. It is only necessary for them to have a valid travel document or an ID card. It is mandatory for anyone staying in the Czech Republic for more than three months to notify the relevant authorities. Tourists from the United States do not require a visa for visits lasting less than ninety (90) days to the Czech Republic.

For more practical information about the Czech Republic please visit the [Czech Tourism website](#).

Directions

Upon arriving in Prague, your destinations are either the hotels or conference venues. Whenever in doubt about public transportation, use this [*official journey planner*](#) to find the best route you should take to get to your destination. The following apps are the best to use for navigation in Prague:

- Waze
- Google Maps
- Public transportation: IDOS / Litacka

Transport

Prague has a very efficient subway, tram and bus transportation system. In the peak hours, Prague underground trains run every 1 or 2 minutes, and during off-peak hours at least every 10 minutes.

The most recent information on Prague's transportation system can be found on the [*official website*](#).

● Subway

The Prague Subway network consists of 3 lines designated by letters and differentiated in color: A – green color (Depo Hostivař station – Nemocnice Motol station), B – yellow color (Černý most station – Zličín station), C – red color (Letňany station – Háje station), with transfers possible at Museum station (lines A and C), Můstek station (lines A and B), Florenc station (lines B and C). Subway operates daily from 5:00 to midnight. Prague Congress Center is located directly on the metro station VYSEHRAD, line C (red line).

● Trams

Daytime operation is from 4:30 to midnight. Night-time operation is from 00:30 to 4:30 and is provided by tram numbers 91 to 99 with traffic intervals of 30 minutes. The central transfer station for night-time lines is Lazarská. Tram schedules are located at individual stops. If a tram stop has the sign =M=, it means that you can get off and continue on the subway (metro).

Transport

● Bus

The daytime and night-time operation of buses is similar to tram operation. Night-time service is provided by bus numbers 901 to 915. Bus schedules are located at individual stops.

Connections - Find a connection [here](#).

● Prague City transport fares

Traveling by city transport is possible with a valid ticket only. Passengers have to obtain and validate their tickets before boarding the vehicle or entering the Metro system. The ticket is valid only if marked in the validation appliance (yellow color). Updated information can be found [here](#).

● Airport

Vaclav Havel Airport Prague handles flights of most European carriers and overseas flights. It is located 30-45 minutes by car from the center of Prague. There is a good connection between the airport and the city center by public transport and taxis. You can easily get to the city center using one of the public buses. For the quickest transport to the city center or the nearest metro station, we advise using routes 119 and 100.

Unfortunately, there is no subway or train connection to the city.

● Taxi

Using taxi services with an operator (operators speak English):

Modrý anděl: <https://www.modryandel.cz/en/for-clients>

We also recommend using worldwide or local taxi apps for transportation in Prague.

Download the apps for free from App Store or Google Play.

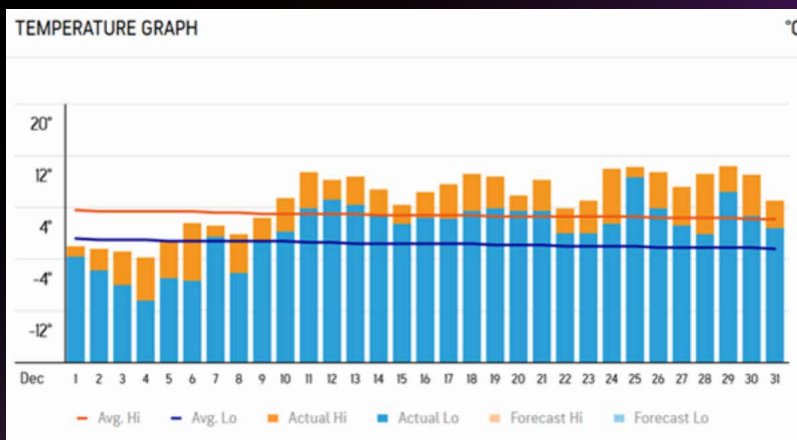


Mobile operators

There are 3 main mobile internet providers in the Czech Republic: T-Mobile, O2 and Vodafone. All mobile internet providers offer e-sims for tourists, but only after a complicated process. One is required to buy a physical prepaid sim card first and then this physical sim card will be converted into an e-sim. It can take up to 24 hours to get the e-sim activated. There is also the opportunity to buy an e-sim card at Prague Airport, but the offer is very limited. Or use your favorite eSIM operator.

Weather

In December, be ready to bundle up. The average high is 2°C/36°F and average low -2°C/28°F, which are temperatures comparable to southern inland Canada, Chicago or Detroit in the USA, and Zurich in Switzerland.



For current weather conditions in Prague check www.weather.com

Explore Prague

Prague, in Czech – Praha, is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic and fourteenth-largest city in the European Union. It is also the historical capital of Bohemia. Situated in the north-west of the country on the Vltava River, the city is home to about 1.3 million people, while its metropolitan area is estimated to have a population of nearly 2 million. The city has a temperate oceanic climate with warm summers and chilly winters.

Prague offers a compact city center, a fascinating centuries-long history with splendid examples of Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance and Art Nouveau architecture. What attractions you definitely cannot miss? There are lots of tourist attractions and things to do, and we made a list of 10 amazing places to visit in Prague!

● Charles Bridge

Prague's oldest bridge was built to replace the Judith Bridge that had been badly damaged by floods in 1342. The Stone, or Prague, Bridge, called Charles Bridge since 1870, construction began in 1357 by Charles IV and was completed in 1402. The bridge is built of sandstone blocks, flanked at each end by fortified towers (Lesser Town Bridge Towers, Old Town Bridge Tower). From 1683 to 1928, 30 statues of saints were carved to decorate the bridge, the most famous of which is the statue of St John of Nepomuk.

● Old Town Square

The most significant square of historical Prague, it was founded in the 12th century and has been witness to many historical events. In addition to the Old Town Hall and the Church of Our Lady before Týn, the square is dominated by the Baroque Church of St Nicholas, the Rococo Kinský Palace, the Gothic House at the Stone Bell and the monument to Jan Hus. In the pavement of the square are memorial stones marking the execution of 27 Czech lords in 1621, and the Prague meridian.

● Old Town Hall with Astronomical Clock

The Old Town Hall was established in 1338 as the seat of the Old Town administration. The oldest part of the complex consists of a beautiful Gothic tower with a bay chapel and a unique astronomical clock – known as the Orloj – where, every hour between 9 am and 11 pm, the twelve apostles appear. The Gothic Revival eastern wing of the Town Hall was destroyed during the Prague Uprising on May 8, 1945 and was never rebuilt. The visitor route includes the historical halls, the tower and the underground areas.

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● Church of Our Lady before Týn

One of the most impressive Gothic religious buildings in Prague was built from the mid-14th to the early 16th centuries. At the end of the 17th century, the interior was reworked in Baroque style. The cathedral serves as an extensive gallery of Gothic, Renaissance and Early Baroque works, the most interesting of which include altar paintings by Karel Škréta and the tomb of the astronomer Tycho Brahe. The organ, dating from 1673, is the oldest in Prague.

● Dancing House

This pillar of modern architecture in Prague “danced” onto the Rašínovo Embankment in 1996. The project comes from the drawing board of world-renowned architects Vlado Milunić and Frank O. Gehry. Its concept was inspired by the dance skills of the famous film couple – the stone tower symbolizes Fred Astaire and the glass tower, his partner Ginger Rogers. A gallery and a restaurant with a terrace offering a 360° view of Prague can be visited in the Dancing House.

● Prague Castle

Prague Castle has been an important symbol of the Czech state for more than a thousand years. It was founded in the 9th century and became the seat of Czech rulers and later presidents. The castle, one of the largest complexes in the world, is made up of historical palaces, offices, church and fortification buildings, gardens and picturesque spots. It covers an area of 45 hectares. The panoramic view of Prague Castle is one of the most spectacular in the world.

● Cathedral of St. Vitus, St. Wenceslas and St. Adalbert

This Gothic cathedral, the spiritual symbol of the Czech state, was founded in 1344 on the site of the original Romanesque rotunda. The construction took nearly 600 years and was finally completed in 1929. Its impressive interior is home to such wonders as the beautifully decorated St Wenceslas Chapel with the tomb of St Wenceslas, the crypt where Czech kings are buried, and the Crown Chamber, where the Crown Jewels are being kept.

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● John Lennon Wall

Shortly after the death of John Lennon, this stone wall surrounding the Maltese Gardens was transformed into an impromptu memorial with a painting of the singer's face. Lighted candles accompanied quotes from John's songs about world peace and freedom, and soon slogans criticizing the totalitarian regime began to appear. With the arrival of democracy, the wall has lost some of its significance. Now it is decorated by a portrait of John Lennon and pictures created by more than 30 artists from five countries. Everyone still can express his/her opinion there, while using a pencil, a fix or a piece of chalk. Spraying is forbidden there.

● Municipal House

This Art Nouveau building, built from 1905 to 1911, is proof of unprecedented artistic and craft skills and quality. The café, the French and the Pilsner restaurants, the American bar, the Lord Mayor's Salon and the Smetana Hall are all examples of perfectly executed Art Nouveau interiors, decorated by leading artists and sculptors such as Alfons Mucha, Jan Preisler, Ladislav Šaloun, and others. Lovers of Art Nouveau can take a guided tour of the whole building.

● The Jewish Museum in Prague

Prague's Jewish Museum, one of the oldest and continuously existing Jewish museums in the world, was founded in 1906. The mission of the museum is to document the history, traditions and customs of the Jewish population in Bohemia and preserve valuable artifacts from the Prague synagogues that were destroyed during the liquidation of the Prague ghetto. In addition to the permanent exhibitions, some of the buildings also hold concerts and temporary exhibitions.

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● Local customs and traditions

Czech people value direct communication, friendliness, and modesty. People say hello and goodbye to strangers in various situations, such as small shops, elevators, or train compartments. For example, when entering or leaving a shop, it's polite to say Dobrý den (Good day) or Na shledanou (Goodbye) respectively.

The Czech Republic boasts a total of four national traditions entered on the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. These are: Falconry, the ancient art of hunting with the help of birds of prey. The Slovácko Verbuňk recruit dances, The Ride of the Kings in Vlčnov and Shrovetide processions from the Hlinecko Region.

● Traditions

Around 4 PM on the December 5th, three figures slowly move around the city, especially around the Old Town Square. They are St. Nicholas, an Angel and a Devil. Surrounding them are a throng of small children, gazing in awe, but with some apprehension. Their parents meanwhile look on with masked grins. Czech children raised on stories of Mikulas know just what to expect. St. Nicholas will ask each and everyone of them if they have been a good child in the past year. Naturally, most children say yes, and will be asked to sing a song or recite a short poem, after which they are rewarded with a small present or a sweet. But if St. Nicholas suspects they have been naughty, well! Naughty children don't get sweets, they get lumps of coal or hard potatoes. And if they have been really naughty, they will find themselves in the Devil's sack and sent to hell! With this in mind, small children are understandably worried by the presence of the Devil. So when St. Nicholas and his entourage approach, they sing their song or recite their poem with great gusto. Needless to say, St. Nicholas acts as a pretty strong incentive to be good all year round! Don't be surprised if you encounter St. Nicholas with his company on the streets on December 5th!

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● Local food and drinks

Bohemian and Moravian cuisine has been influenced by German, Austrian and Hungarian cuisine. Typical ingredients used in Czech cuisine are potatoes, wheat flour, legumes, vegetables and meat (especially pork, beef and chicken). Most Czech meals usually consist of two or three courses. The first course is a soup.

🍴 SVÍČKOVÁ – CZECH REPUBLIC'S NATIONAL TREASURE

Svíčková (tenderloin) is the name of a specific part of beef meat, but here it also represents the name of the whole dish. It is a traditional sauce made from blended root vegetables and heavy cream, served with bread dumplings and a slice of beef.

🍺 BEER

Czech Republic is the birthplace of pilsner and the original Budweiser lager (born in Plzeň and České Budějovice, respectively). Ever since the nation split from Slovakia 30+ years ago, the Czech Republic has proudly topped the charts – head and shoulders above its European neighbors. The best places to enjoy the best pilsner and Czech traditional cuisine are Lokál pubs. Lokáls are the embodiment of a dream of a pub. There are seven Lokál pubs in Prague. For more details see: <https://lokal.ambi.cz/#homePageHero>

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● Breakfast spots

Mezi srnky

- 📍 Sázavská 19, Prague 2 (3km/11 minutes via car)
- 📍 Americká 26, Prague 2 (2,6km/9 minutes via car)
- 📍 Arbesovo Náměstí 7, Prague 5 (3,7km/11 minutes via car)

Love for all-day brunches and good coffee. Place remains faithful to local farm ingredients, seasonality and beans from their favorite czech coffee roasters.

Bistro Monk

- 📍 Maltézské nám., Prague 1 (5km/16 minutes via car)
- 📍 Michalská, Prague 1 (4,7km/20 minutes via car)

You've got plenty of options to pick from here, whether you're a sweet or savory bruncher. Choose from several types of avocado toast, eggs benedict, pancakes, and more. This hip establishment creates beautiful meals, all made from scratch using locally sourced ingredients. Bistro Monk is a great destination if your diet is plant-based, with breakfasts such as smoothie bowls, and avocado toast with roasted mushrooms, drawing in vegans and vegetarians. They also have plenty of options for meat lovers, such as bacon and eggs, sausages and ham.

Eska

- 📍 Pernerova 49, Prague 8 (6,6km/20 minutes via car)

Eska is without a doubt one of the best restaurants in Prague for any meal, but their brunch is especially to die for. With a rotating menu based on local and fresh ingredients, you'll be going back again and again to try something new each time. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily. Eska is also a bakery, so you'll definitely want to try some of their homemade bread and pastries. They serve up their own specialties, such as Breakfast Eska and Breakfast Karlin, as well as classics like eggs, omelets, crepes, and more. You'll also find some Czech breakfast favorites, including sausages and egg fried bread.

GRAM Restaurant & Bakery

- 📍 Záhřebská 23/25, Prague 2 (2,4km/8 minutes via car)

A restaurant and bakery in the heart of Vinohrady. Enjoy specialty coffee, fresh pastries, and an all-day breakfast. For lunch and dinner, taste modern European dishes crafted from local ingredients.

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● Breakfast spots

Cafe Savoy

📍 Vítězná 124/5, Prague 1 (4,1km/13 minutes via car)

Founded in 1893, Café Savoy is the premier breakfast destination in Prague. You'll be dining in a sophisticated atmosphere reminiscent of an old Viennese cafe. Choose from large breakfasts like the French or English Breakfast, or try the cafe's own special "Savoy" breakfast. There are also plenty of egg and omelet options for those looking for something a bit simpler and cheaper. For something smaller, consider the stuffed croissants or open sandwiches. No matter what you choose, this is perhaps the classiest brunch you will ever have.

The Tavern

📍 Chopinova 1521, Prague 3 (4,3km/14 minutes via car)

One of the best American restaurants in town also serves American-style brunch, and we are here for it. Weekend Brunchfest takes place Saturday and Sunday from 11 am until 4 pm along with everything that's on their regular menu. They've got your classic southern fried chicken and waffles, omelet platters, breakfast sandwiches, and more. They also offer a wide range of brunch cocktails such as Bloody Marys, Mimosas, Tequila Sunrises, and, of course, coffee. This place fills up fast for brunch so it's better to make a reservation for your party in advance.

Coffee Corner

📍 Korunní 96, Prague 2 (3,9km/13 minutes via car)

Extensive menu of coffee, cocktails, and breakfast options. It also has a hip and cozy interior so you can enjoy your brunch in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Their brunch options include variations of scrambled eggs, avocado toast, a breakfast burrito, Turkish eggs, Eggs Benedict, smoothie bowls, and more. You can also choose from vitamin smoothies if you're looking for something healthier. They also have a lunch menu and sides that are served all day long for those who aren't into breakfast food.

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● Breakfast spots

Café Letka

 Letohradská 44, Prague 7 (6,4km/20 minutes via car)

This rustic, Austro-Hungarian coffee shop is in district 7, a 30-minute walk from the city centre. Breakfast-lovers visiting Prague can take pleasure in great food, amazing coffee and excellent company. You can choose from freshly toasted sandwiches, waffles with fruit, french toast, smoothie bowls and more delicious breakfast and brunch options. The menu also features vegan and vegetarian options.

Pekárna Praktika

 Sokolovská 6/85, Prague 8 (6,4km/20 minutes via car)

Anything that comes out of the oven at Pekárna Praktika is going to be excellent. In the Vinohrady neighbourhood, this little bakery only uses high-quality organic Czech flour, which is stone-ground to preserve its nutrients, making it great for digestion. At Pekárna Praktika, you can choose between spelt, rye and corn breads. They also serve croissants, vanilla cream-filled doughnuts, fruit tarts, eggs with toast and butter, and more. Since this bakery has a seasonal menu, you can expect their bread and pastries to be paired with seasonal fruits for a tasty and nutritious breakfast.

Proti Proudů

 Březinova 22, Prague 8 (6,5km/20 minutes via car)

Inspired by Karlín-born electrical engineering innovator František Křižík, 'current and connection' is the theme of this family-friendly cafe in Prague. The modern, minimalist interior is great but the menu is the star of the show. Specialities include excellent waffles, avocado toast with eggs and buckwheat pancakes. For a social breakfast at a leisurely pace, you should head to Proti Proudů.

Bjukitchen


 Jungmannova 27, Prague 1 (3,2km/12 minutes via car)

Bistro serves breakfast and lunch. Their bakery is renowned for sweet pastries as well as fresh granola, yet not only! Premium coffee blend from a coffee roastery, great atmosphere as well as cosy space in the city centre.

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● Breakfast spots

Café Místo

 Bubenečská 12, Prague 6 (7,4km/25 minutes via car)

One of the youngest double-shot coffee roasters in town, Místo offers a number of flavors that are nothing like your standard blends. Their cream orange espresso – a combination of Grand Marnier, earl gray, orange peel syrup, espresso and milk – is a particular treat. This is the place to be if coffee is a fundamental part of your morning. You can also get a range of light, filling breakfasts focusing on local ingredients, including eggs benedict made with Prague ham and eggs sourced from a farm in Čerčany, a small village in Central Bohemia.

Cukrkávařimonáda

 Lázeňská 7, Prague 1 (5km/15 minutes via car)

This quaint pastry shop and restaurant in the heart of the Malá Strana neighborhood, serves incredible Czech pastries from early in the morning. For something more substantial, Cukrkávařimonáda's ever-changing breakfast menu often consists of sweet and savory pancakes, sandwiches, omelets and coffee made with the best beans from Lago di Garda. You should try their breakfast menu designed for locals, which features a platter made up of sausages, sunny-side-up eggs, ham and greens.

Pauseria café

 U Radnice 11/2, Prague 1 (4,4km / 18 minutes via car)

It has chic decor, excellent coffee, and mouthwatering pastries and was recently opened a short distance from the historic Old Town Hall. The large rectangular table in the center of the main room is the perfect spot to host a brunch with your closest friends. Two additional rooms with plush furnishings are available for those seeking a more private setting. Coffee from local sources has been carefully picked. If you're hungry, try the avocado spread, the exquisite Eggs Benedict, or one of their sweet treats.



For more tips where to enjoy delicious treats, visit <https://europeancoffeetrip.com> or [download the app](#).

Don't miss out on exploring this beautiful city during your visit!

Emergence General Information

MAIN CONFERENCE VENUE: PRAGUE CONGRESS CENTRE

- 📍 5. kvetna 1640/65, Prague 4 Czech Republic
GPS Directions: 50.062016, 14.428521
The closest subway station is Vysehrad - Subway Red Line "C"

The main language of the Emergence conference is English.
Dress code: Casual - relaxed, occasional, spontaneous and suited for everyday use. It is recommended to bring suitable clothing for the winter season.

● Parking

The Prague Congress Centre is accessible via the north-south highway - follow the traffic signs or tell UBER driver the destination is Prague Congress Center.

Parking in the Prague Congress Centre The guarded garage parking lot (almost 1,000 spaces) is located under the Prague Congress Centre and the Vyšehrad Business Centre.

● Schedule

Wednesday 4th Dec, 2024 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (pre-registration)

Thursday 5th Dec, 2024 8.30 AM - 6.00 PM

Friday 6th Dec, 2024 8.30 AM - 12.30 PM

For more details, please follow the agenda at:
<https://emergence.xyz/agenda/>

The networking closing party will take place on 6th December 2024 at the conference venue.

Would you like to share your experiences online? Do not hesitate to do so and tag us! The main stage events and the gameshow will be streamed on Twitter at profile @Emergence_Conf

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● Refreshments

Coffee breaks and lunches will be available each day according to the agenda. Coffee breaks will take place twice a day. Be aware that there will be only coffee and fruit in the morning. No need to worry about payment, refreshments will be complimentary.

You can also enjoy Stellar's Happy Hour and after-party with beer and drinks.

● Hotline

Scan the QR code and join us on Telegram.



● Wifi

You will be able to use the wifi on-site at the convention center. Login credentials are listed on the back of your registration badge.

SSID: EMERGENCE
PASS: theblock2024

● Maps

To make sure you never feel lost, please take a look at these two maps whenever you're planning to travel through Prague.

The first map is of the general area that you will be in during your stay in Prague. It shows the Prague Congress Centre as well as Prague Castle, St Vitus Cathedral and Lobkowitz Palace.

The map is of the entire city, including Prague airport & main train station. Use this when planning any routes into the rest of the city or back to the airport when needed.

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Prague Castle

Lobkowicz Palace

St. Vitus Cathedral

M MALOSTRANSKÁ

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M HLAVNÍ NÁDRAŽÍ
Main Train Station

M VYŠEHRAD



Prague Congress Centre

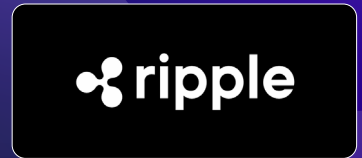


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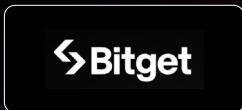
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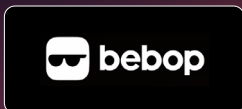
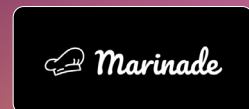
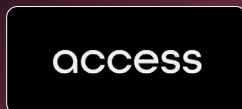
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