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PRAGUE

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods
What's where

Explore Prague

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Prague

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Prague's Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

 Telephone Numbers

 Opening Hours

 Parking

 Nonsmoking

 Internet Access

 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 Family-Friendly

 Bus

 Ferry

 Metro

 Subway

 Tram

 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Prague. The showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. [www.hemingwaybar.com](#); Hôtel Ritzy; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Prague

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Prague.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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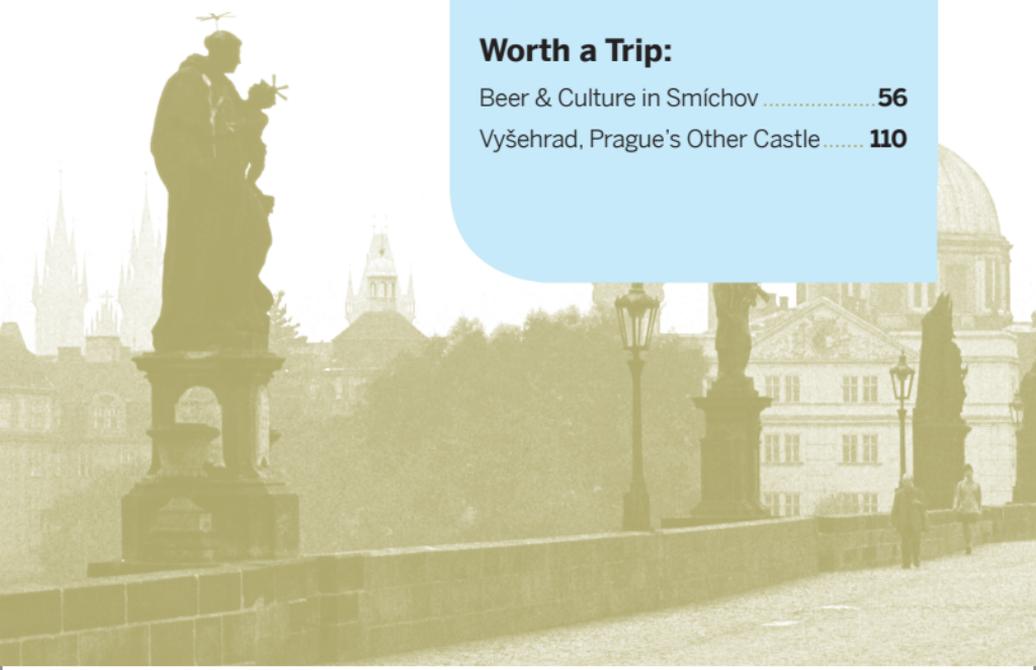
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Welcome to Prague

More than 20 years after the Velvet Revolution drew back the curtain on this intoxicating maze of winding cobblestone alleyways, the 'city of a hundred spires' thrills visitors with dramatic Gothic architecture, down-to-earth pubs, ornate cafes, cutting-edge art and the grand Prague Castle, looming high over the city and looking as if straight out of a fairy tale.

View from Old Town Bridge Tower (p77)

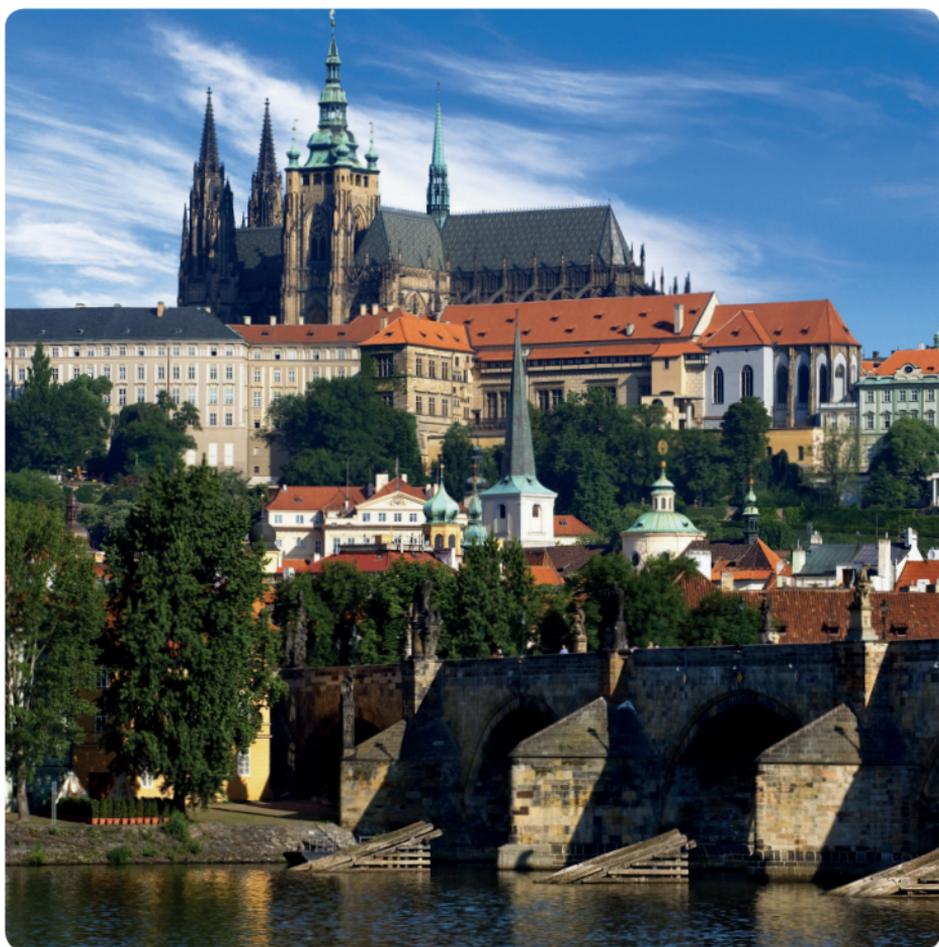
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Prague Top Sights

Prague Castle (p24)

Looming high above the Vltava's western bank, this outrageously outsized fortress conjures up childhood fairy tales of a good king watching benevolently over his people.





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St Vitus Cathedral (p30)

The Gothic centrepiece of Prague Castle is famous for its beautiful stained- and painted-glass windows, ornate chapels, and spires that seem to pierce the sky.



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Old Town Square & Astronomical Clock (p74)

The spooky (at night, at least) Gothic spires of the Church of Our Lady Before Týn rise above this famous square, known in part for its Astronomical Clock, where every hour, 'Death' rings a bell and inverts his hourglass.



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Charles Bridge (p76)

This stunning stone bridge, commissioned by Emperor Charles IV in 1357 and lined with saintly statues, provides an unforgettable passage between the Old Town and Malá Strana.

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Jewish Museum (p60)

This extensive museum is spread out over six important sites in Prague's former Jewish quarter, including the beautiful Spanish Synagogue.



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Old Jewish Cemetery (p62)

With 12,000 gravestones and several tens of thousands of additional bodies packed into a space the size of a few suburban gardens, Prague's Old Jewish Cemetery is like no other on earth.



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Loreta (p32)

A baroque place of pilgrimage, the Loreta is noted for its cloister and chapels, a lavish, diamond-studded artwork, and the ancient bells that ring out over the city of Prague from its clock tower. And a bearded lady.



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Petřín Hill (p42)

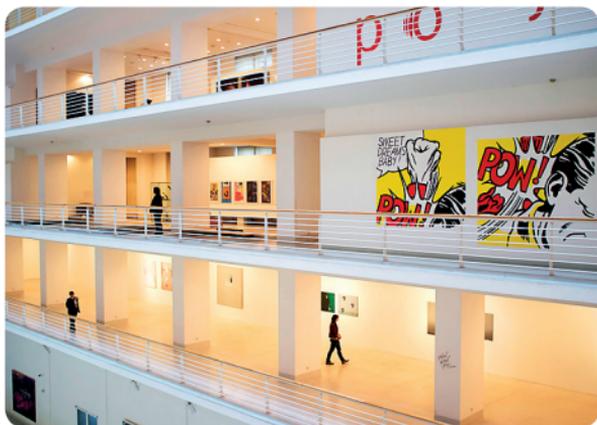
The 318m-high grassy knoll, popular with joggers, dog-walkers, lovers and families, offers magnificent vistas across the city of a hundred spires. Take the funicular up here, just like they did for the 1891 Prague Jubilee.



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Wenceslas Square (p92)

Pictured on postcards that highlight the equestrian statue of 'Good King Wenceslas', the massive square was once a gathering point for proud Czechs and Velvet Revolution demonstrators.



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Veletřní Palác (p126)

Well off the tourist trail in Holešovice, this larger-than-life functionalist structure houses an impressive collection of avant-garde Czech art and works by European masters such as Cézanne, Rodin, Klimt and Schiele. It also has Mucha's oversized *Slav Epic*.