



Prague & the Czech Republic

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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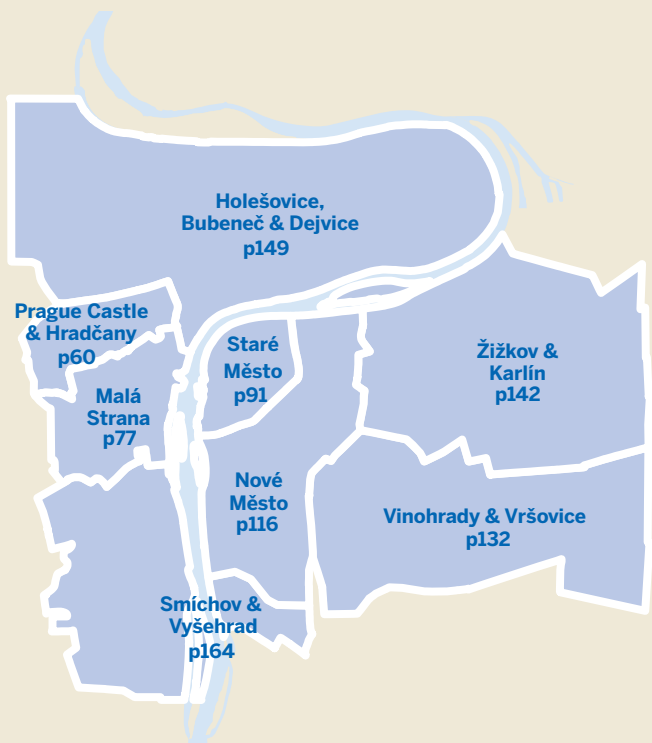
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- Zoo
- Other Sight

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- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

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- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Skiing
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
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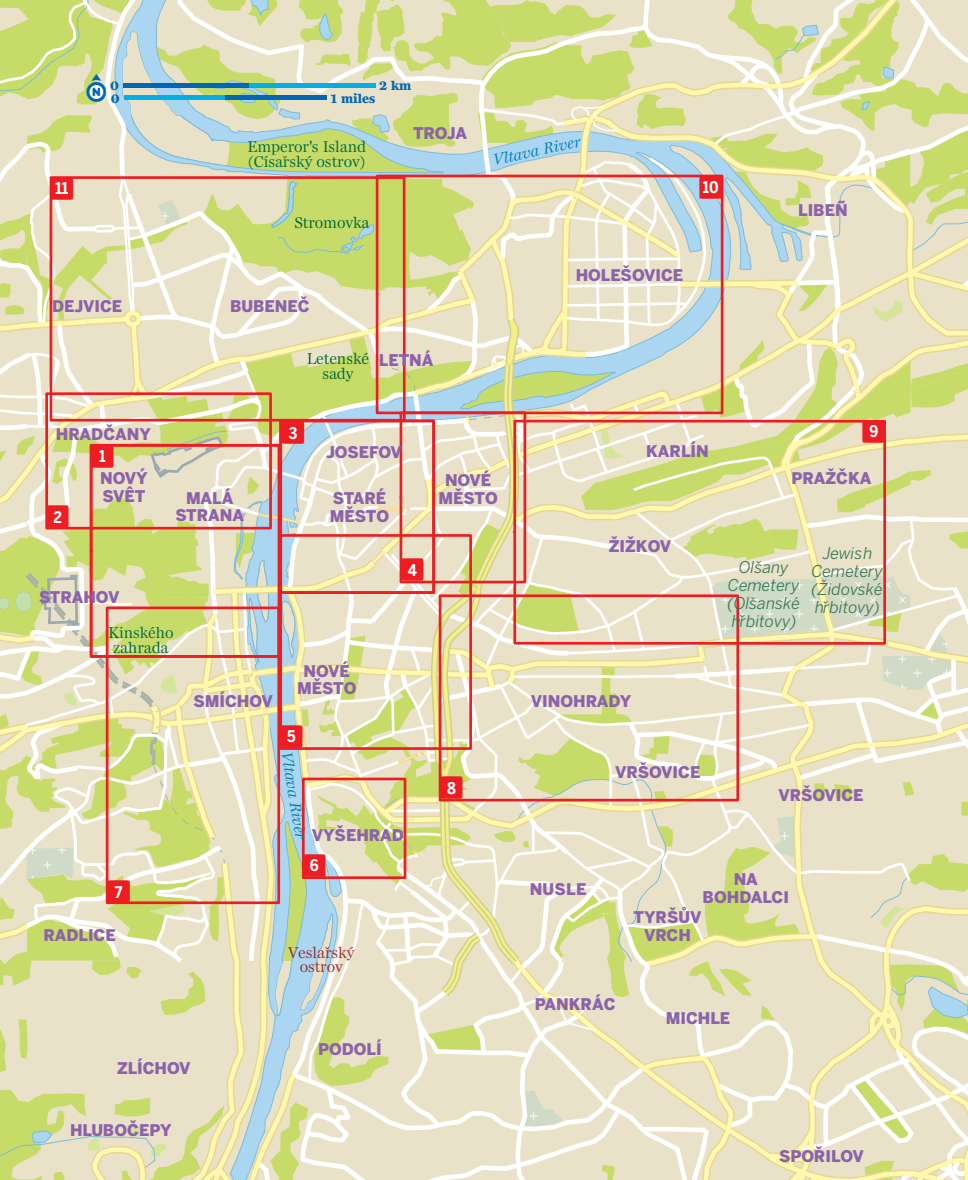
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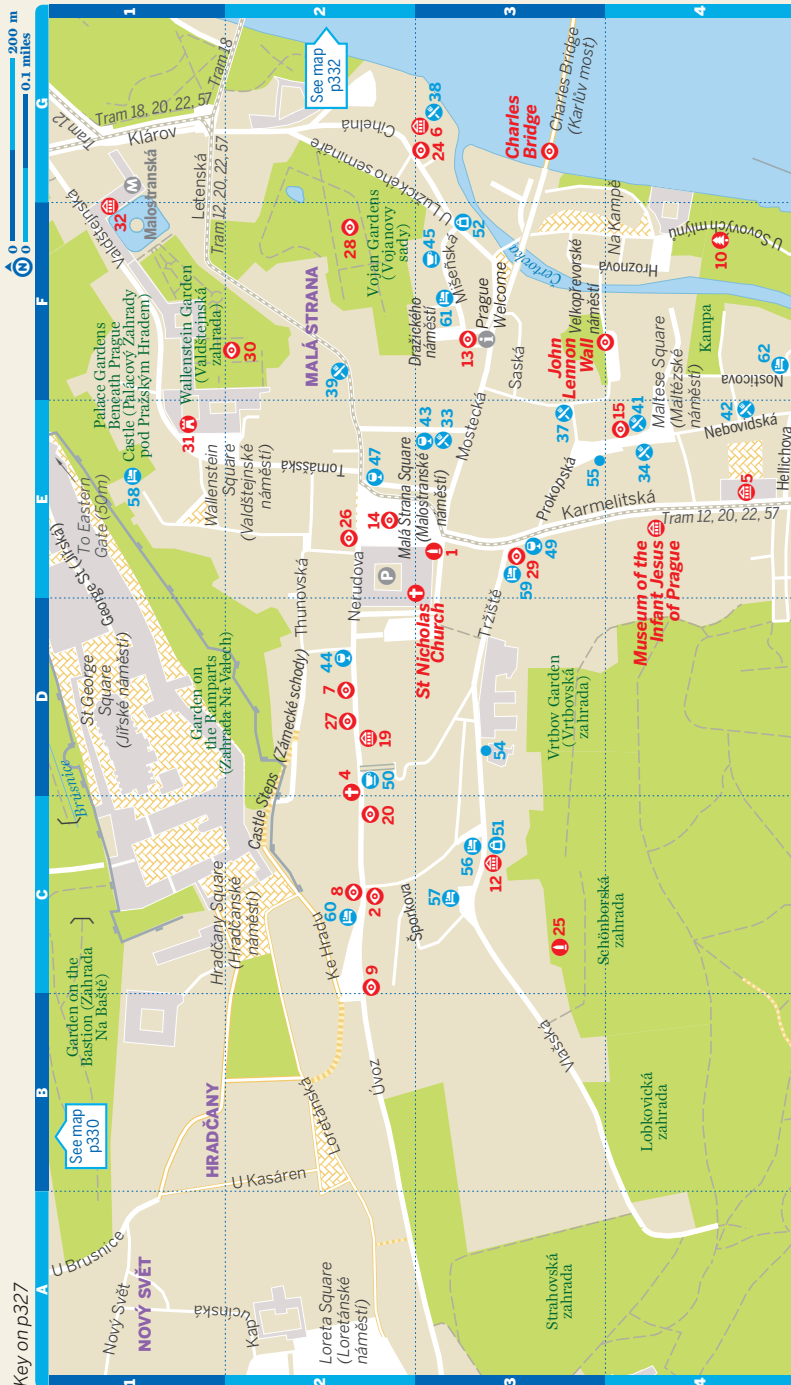
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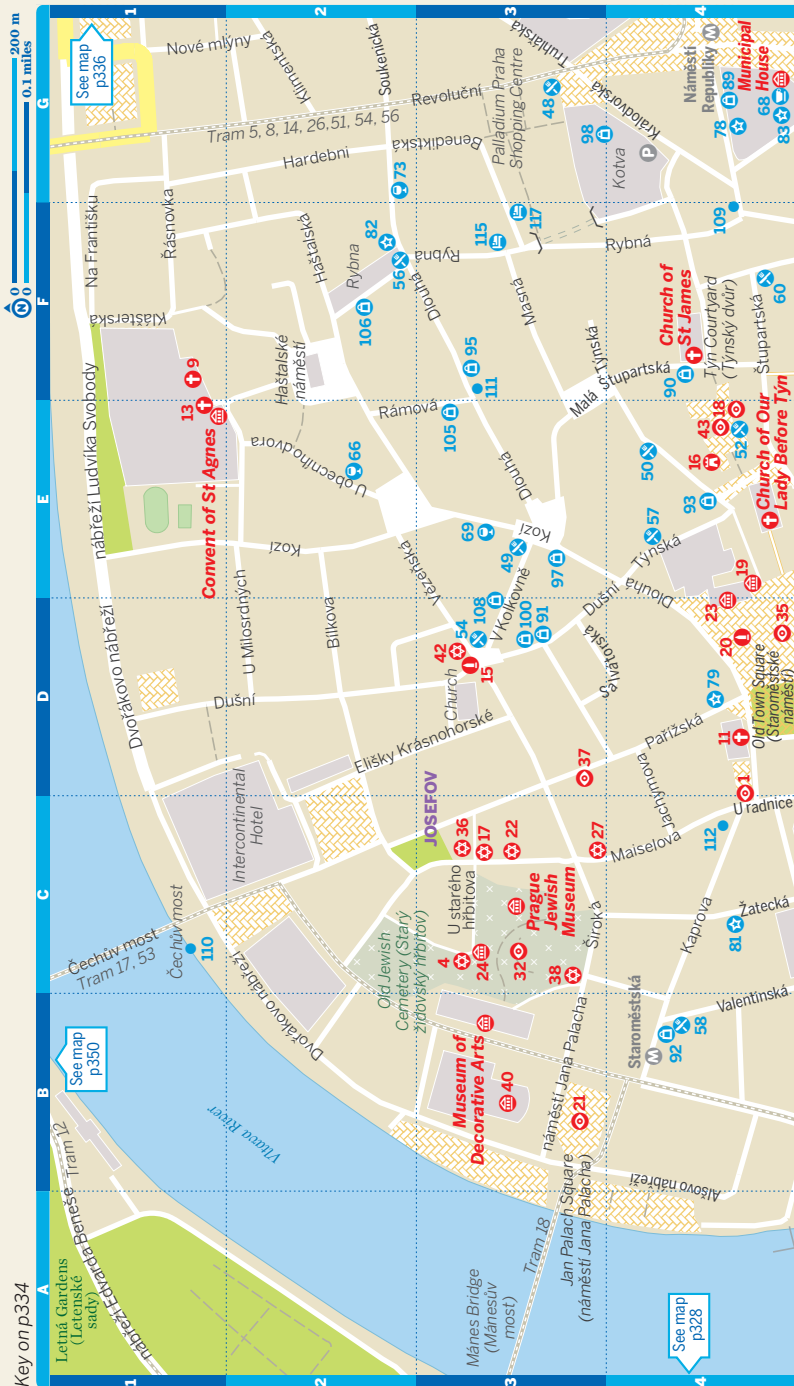
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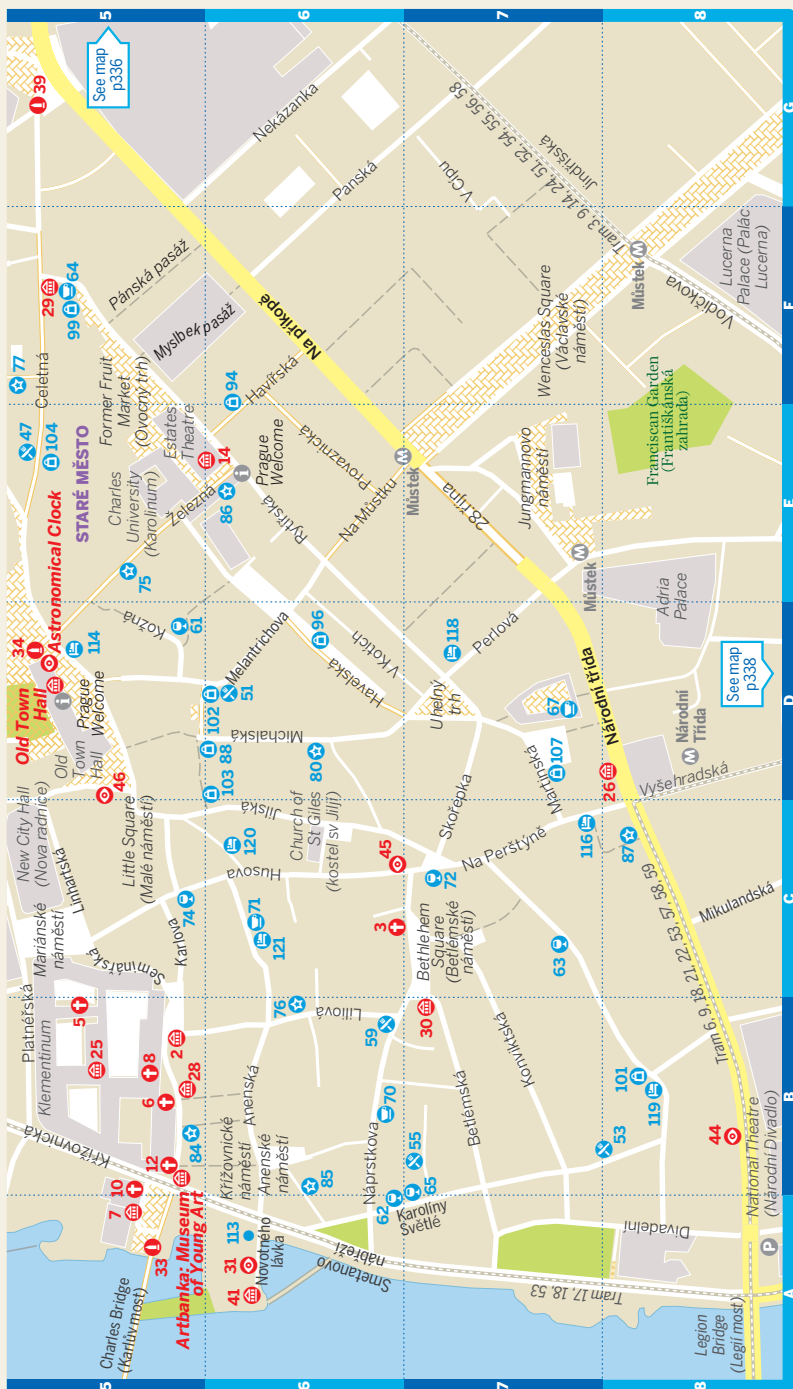
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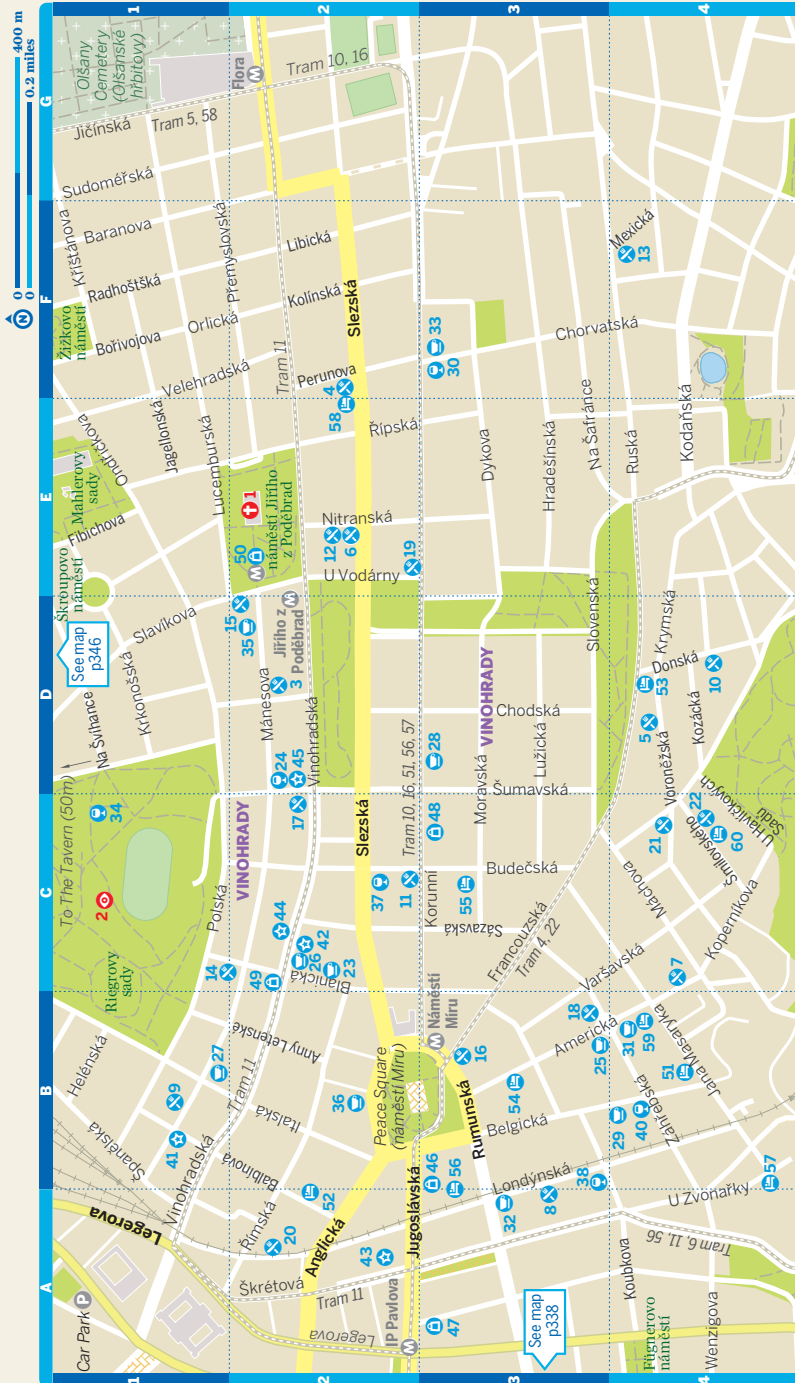


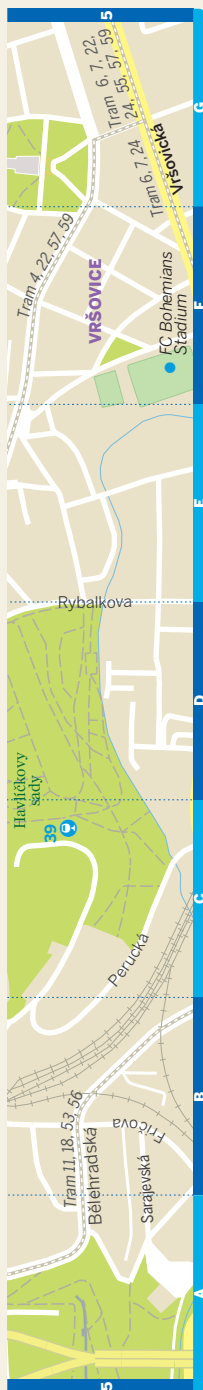
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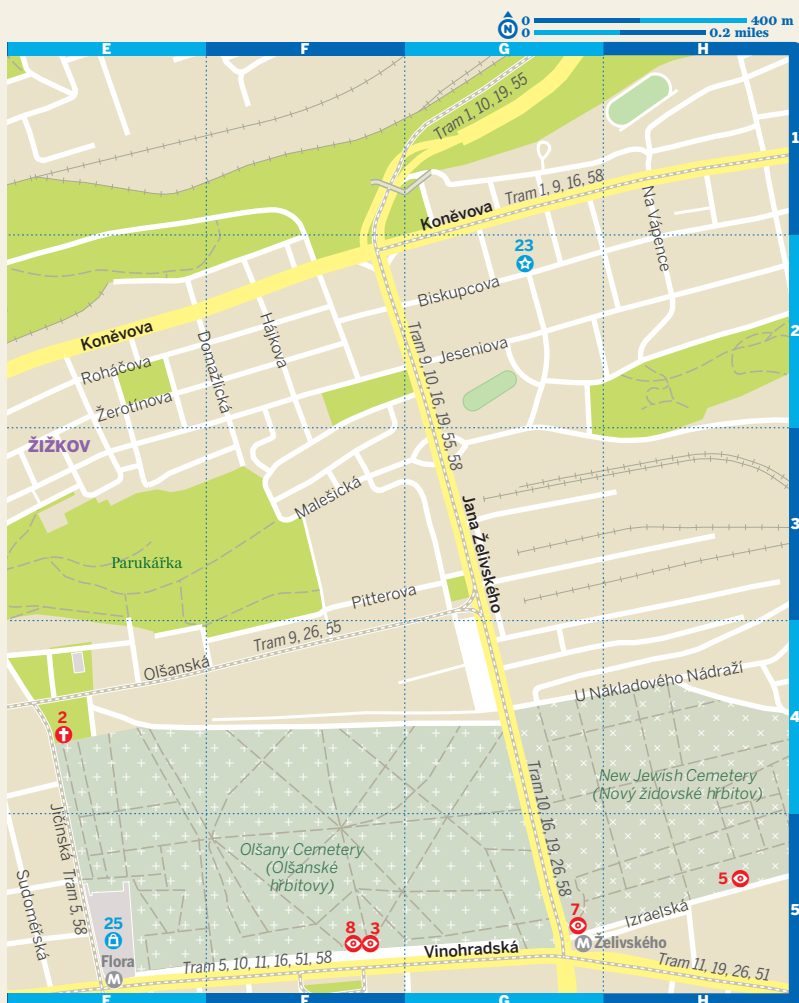
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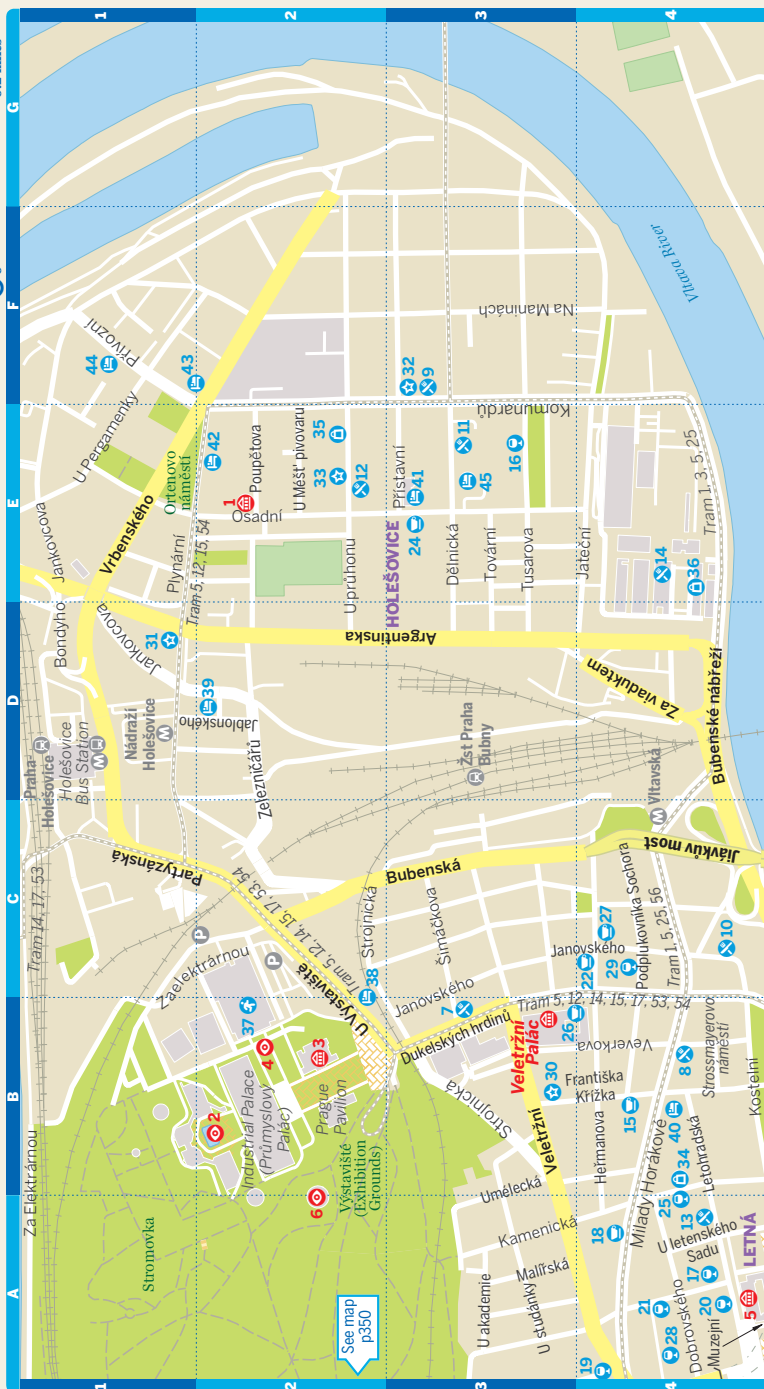
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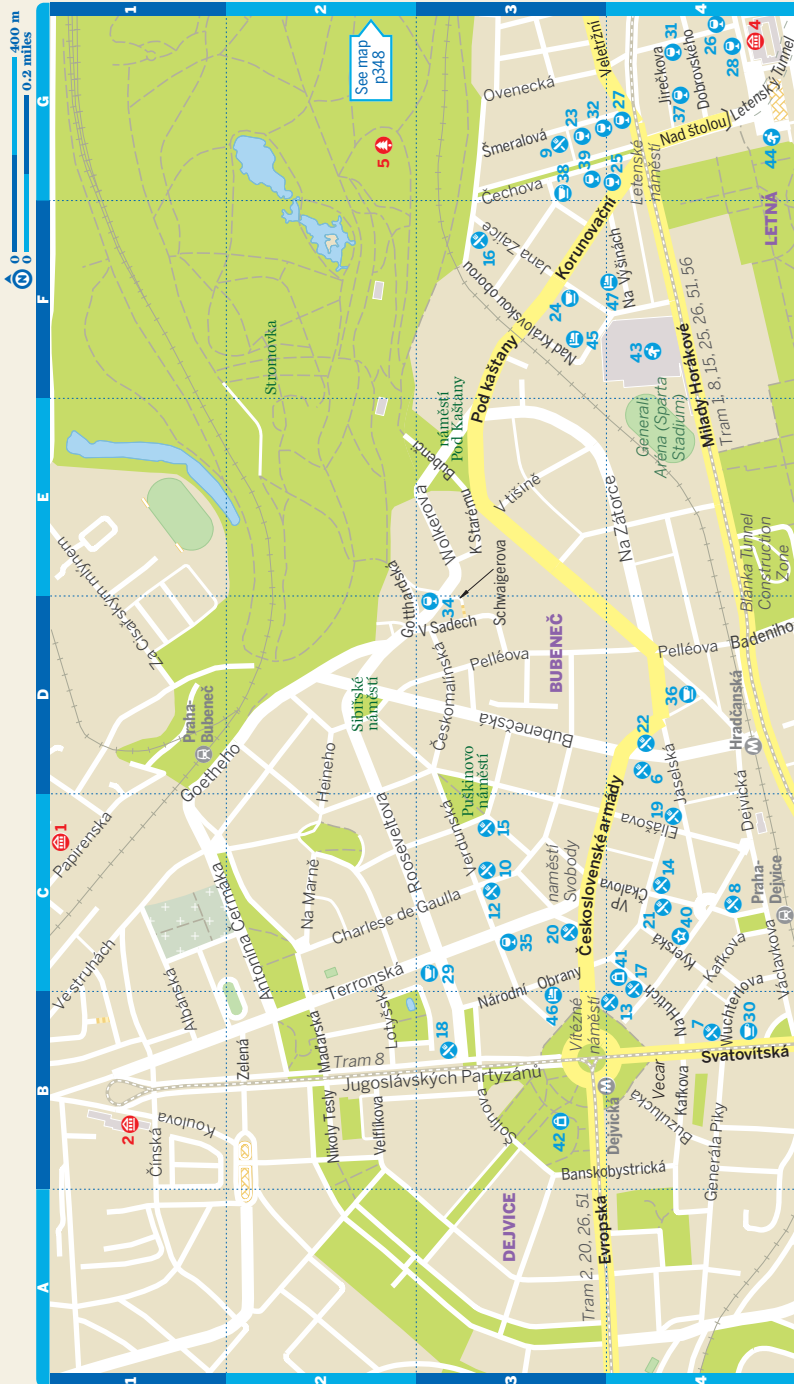
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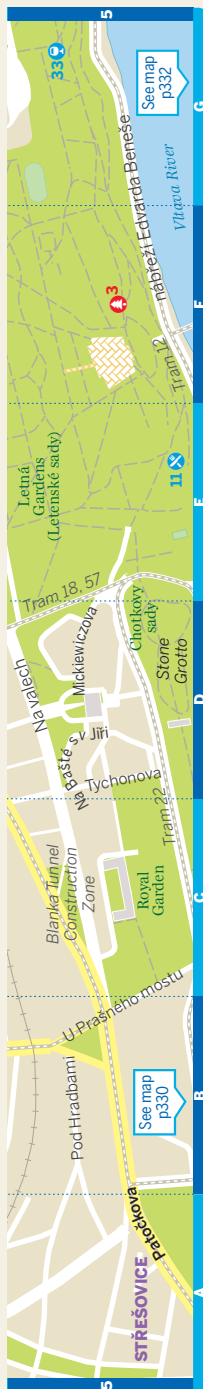
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A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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Top Itineraries

Day One

Prague Castle & Hradčany (p60)

 Take a wander through **Prague Castle's** courtyards before the main sights open, then spend the morning visiting **St Vitus Cathedral**, the **Old Royal Palace** and the **Lobkowicz Palace**; try and time things to catch the **changing of the guard** at noon.



Lunch Lobkowicz Palace Café (p74) serves good food with a view.

Malá Strana (p77)

 Descend from the castle to Malá Strana along **Nerudova** street, and stop to admire the baroque beauty of **St Nicholas Church**. From here, head to the **Wallenstein Garden** for some peace and quiet, then exit on the far side and follow the backstreets south to **Kampa**. If it's sunny, hang out in the park, and grab a drink at **Mlýnská Kavárna**, or pay a visit to the **Kampa Museum**. As day fades, stroll across **Charles Bridge** in the evening light.



Dinner Lichfield (p87) is a sophisticated place for a special dinner.

Malá Strana (p77)

 Malá Strana is full of buzzy bars – **U Malého Glena** is a classic Prague bar and jazz club, with live music every night.

Day Two

Staré Město (p91)

 Start the day in the **Old Town Square**; after watching the **Astronomical Clock** do its thing, climb to the top of the **Old Town Hall Tower** for a great view of the square. Head along Celetná to the **Municipal House** and have a coffee while you admire the art-nouveau decor. Buy a ticket for a concert; if you have time before lunch, take a guided tour.



Lunch Try Lokál (p109) for an authentically Czech lunch. And great beer.

Staré Město (p91)

 Dedicate the afternoon to visiting the half-dozen monuments that comprise the **Prague Jewish Museum**; if you don't have the time or energy for all of them, concentrate on the **Old-New Synagogue**, the **Old Jewish Cemetery** and the **Spanish Synagogue**.



Dinner Vino di Vino (p109) is good for Italian food and wine.

Staré Město (p91)

 Attend a concert in the Municipal House's **Smetana Hall** or the Klementinum's **Chapel of Mirrors**, or spend a night at the opera at the **Estates Theatre**; afterwards, explore Old Town cocktail joints such as **Hemingway Bar** and **Čili Bar**.

Day Three

Nové Město (p116)

 Explore the passages and arcades around **Wenceslas Square** by following our walking tour (p126), and (as time and inclination allows) take in the historical and artistic treasures of the **National Museum**, the **Prague City Museum** and the **Mucha Museum**.



Lunch Le Patio (p127) is a favourite local lunch spot.

Smíchov & Vyšehrad (p164)

 In the afternoon, take a metro ride out to Vyšehrad and explore Prague's other castle, the **Vyšehrad Citadel**, with its gorgeous views along the Vltava River. Don't miss the impressive tombs of composers Dvořák and Smetana and other famous Czechs in the **Vyšehrad Cemetery**. Walk back to the city centre along the embankment.



Dinner Head to Sansho (p127) for a memorable meal (book in advance).

Nové Město (p116)

 The New Town is home to the city's most prestigious classical-music venues – try to catch a performance at the **National Theatre** (ballet), the **Prague State Opera** or the **Dvořák Museum** (concerts of Dvořák's music).

Day Four

Holešovice, Bubeneč & Dejvice (p149)

 Time to escape the city for a while: take a boat trip to the rural suburb of Troja (or hire a bike and ride there) and visit **Prague Zoo** and **Troja Chateau**. Walk back into the city centre through Stromovka park (the reverse of our walking tour on p155).



Lunch Enjoy a picnic lunch in leafy Stromovka park (p153).

Holešovice, Bubeneč & Dejvice (p149)

 You could spend an entire afternoon admiring modern art in the **Veletržní Palác**, but if the outdoor bug has bitten keep walking (or take a tram) to Letná Gardens for some afternoon drinking at **Letná Beer Garden**, the city's premier open-air chill-out spot.



Dinner Sasazu (p154) captures the trendy vibe of this district.

Žižkov & Karlín (p142)

 Take the metro across town to Jiřího z Poděbrad station, and go up the **TV Tower** for a night-time city panorama (open till 10pm). From here, the legendary bars of Žižkov await – **Bukowski's** cocktail dive is just two blocks downhill.

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