



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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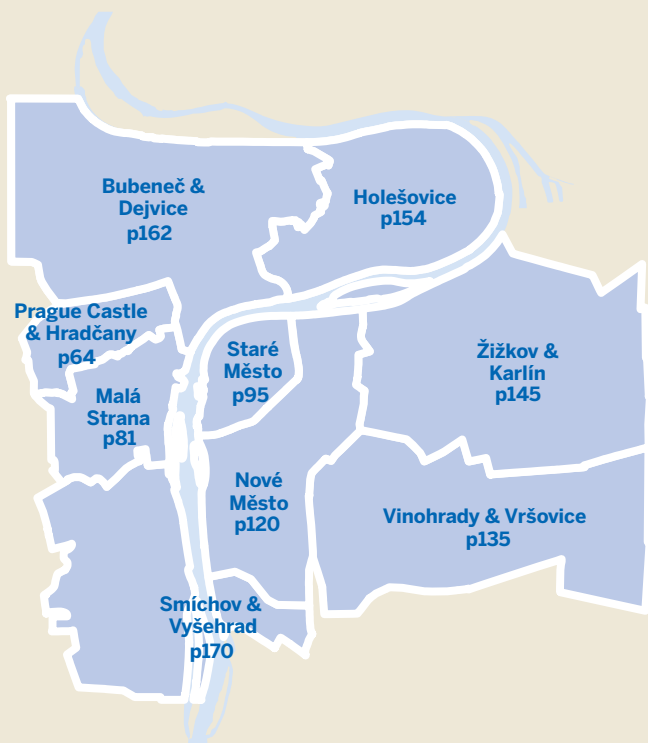
(left) Art nouveau sculpture, Municipal House (p108)

(above) Charles Bridge (p83) at dawn

(right) St John of Nepomuk statue (p85), Charles Bridge



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Top Itineraries

Day One

Prague Castle & Hradčany (p64)

 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 **Lobkowitz Palace**; try and time things to catch the **changing of the guard** at noon.



Lunch Lobkowitz Palace Café (p80) serves good food with a view.

Malá Strana (p81)

 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 Elegantes (p93) is a sophisticated place for a special dinner.

Malá Strana (p81)

 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 (p95)

 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 (p111) for an authentically Czech lunch, and great beer.

Staré Město (p95)

 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 Kalina (p113) is good for French food and wine.

Staré Město (p95)

 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 (p120)

 Explore the passages and arcades around **Wenceslas Square**, and (if time and inclination allow) take in the historical and artistic treasures of the **National Museum**, the **Prague City Museum** and the **Mucha Museum**.



Lunch Le Patio (p131) is a favourite local lunch spot.

Smíchov & Vyšehrad (p170)

 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. Don't miss the impressive tombs of composers Dvořák and Smetana and other famous Czechs in the **Vyšehrad Cemetery**.



Dinner Head to Sansho (p131) for a memorable meal (book in advance).

etery. Walk back to the city centre along the embankment.

Nové Město (p120)

 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 (p154)

 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**. Walk back into the city centre through Stromovka park.



Lunch Enjoy a picnic lunch in leafy Stromovka park (p164).

Holešovice (p154)

 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 drink-



Dinner Sasazu (p157) captures the vibe of this up-and-coming area.

ing at **Letná Beer Garden**, the city's premier open-air chill-out spot.

Žižkov & Karlín (p145)

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

Prague Maps

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruins
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Body surfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- S-Bahn/Subway station
- Taxi
- T-bane/Tunnelbana station
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Tube station
- U-Bahn/Underground station
- Other Transport

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Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
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- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

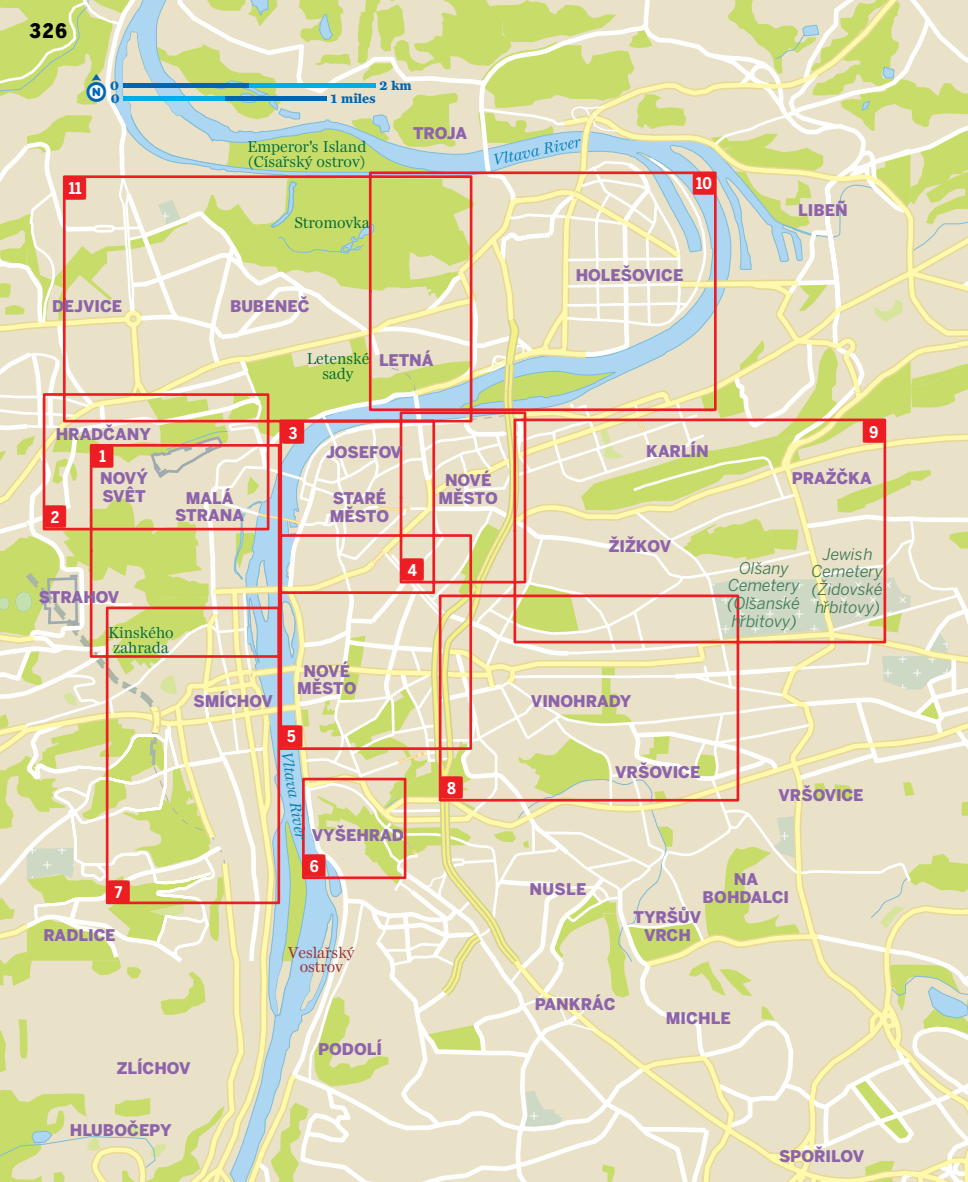
- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
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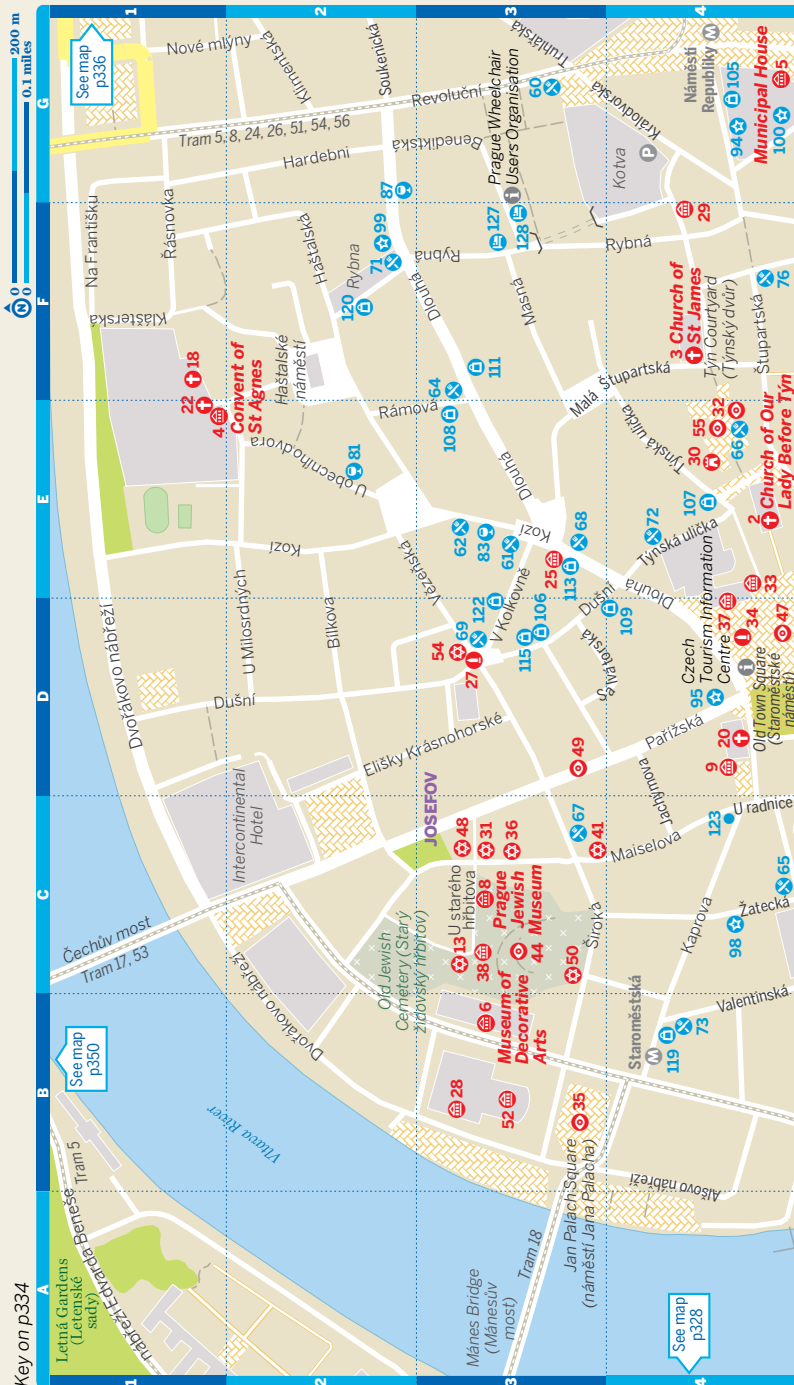
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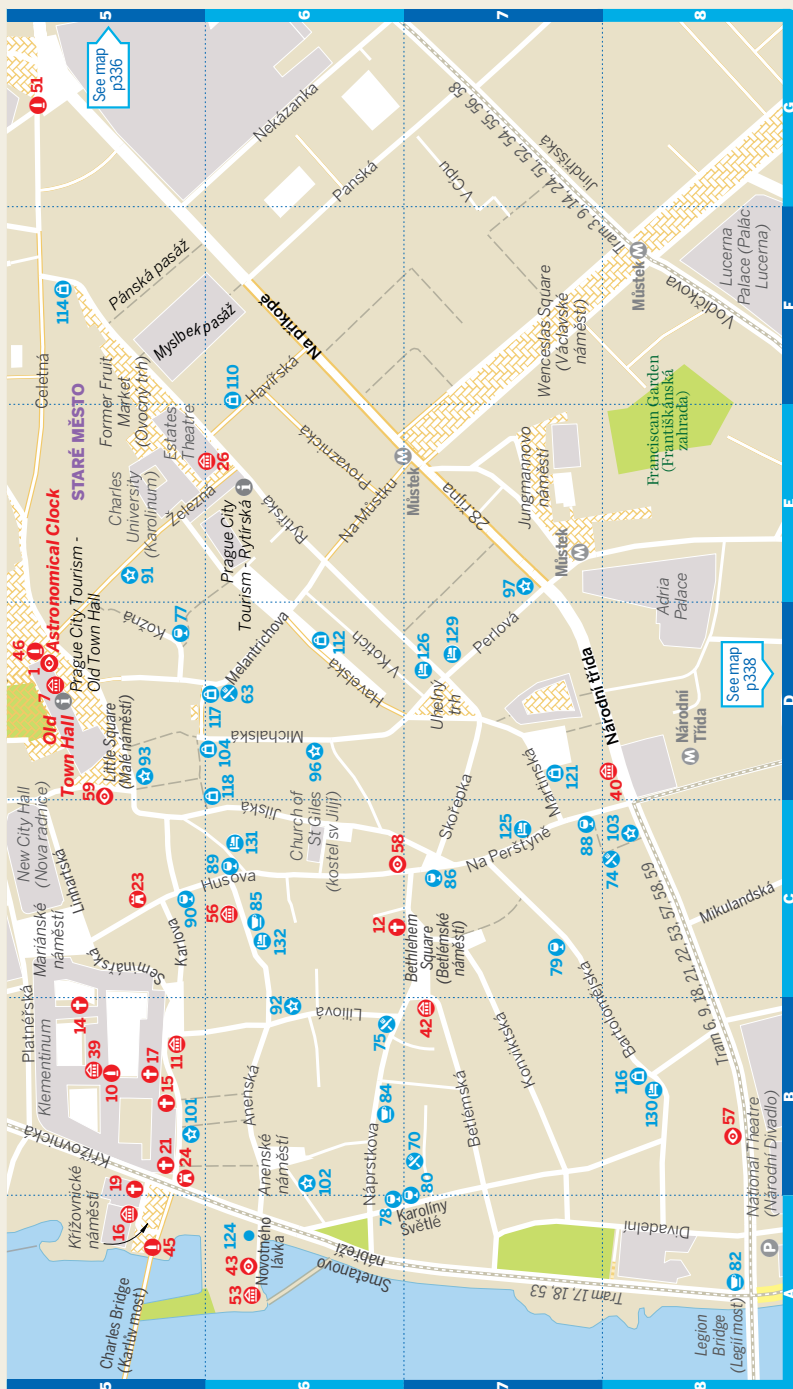
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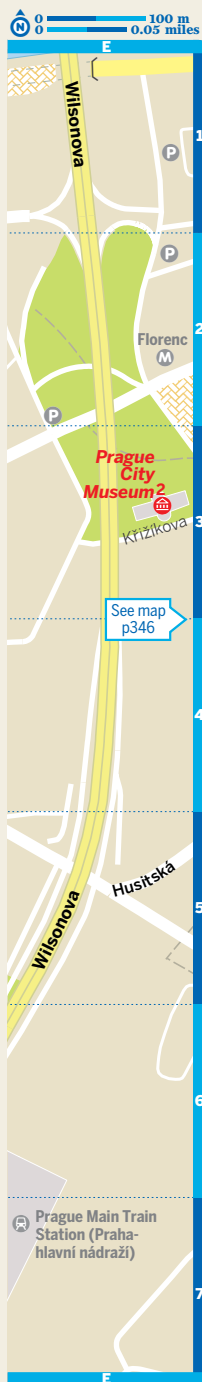
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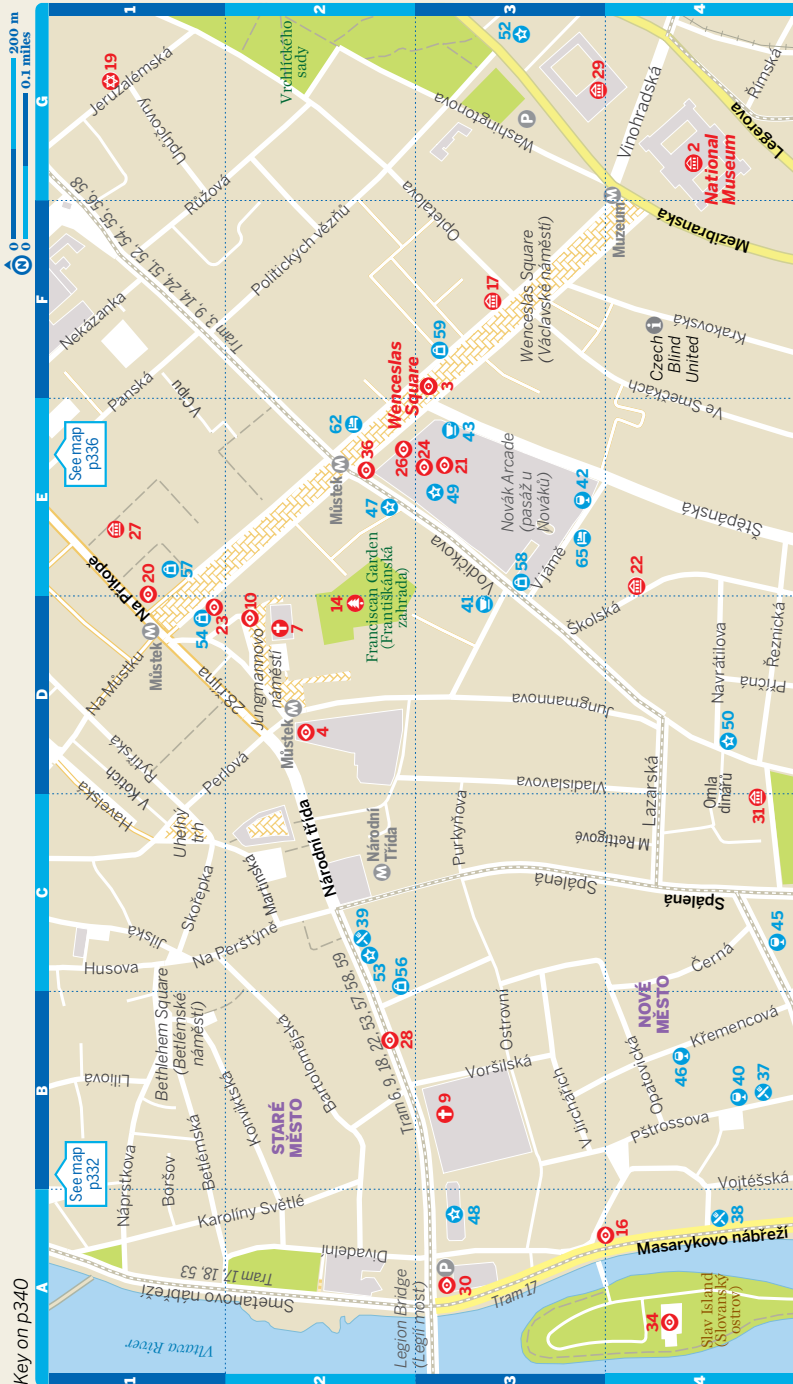
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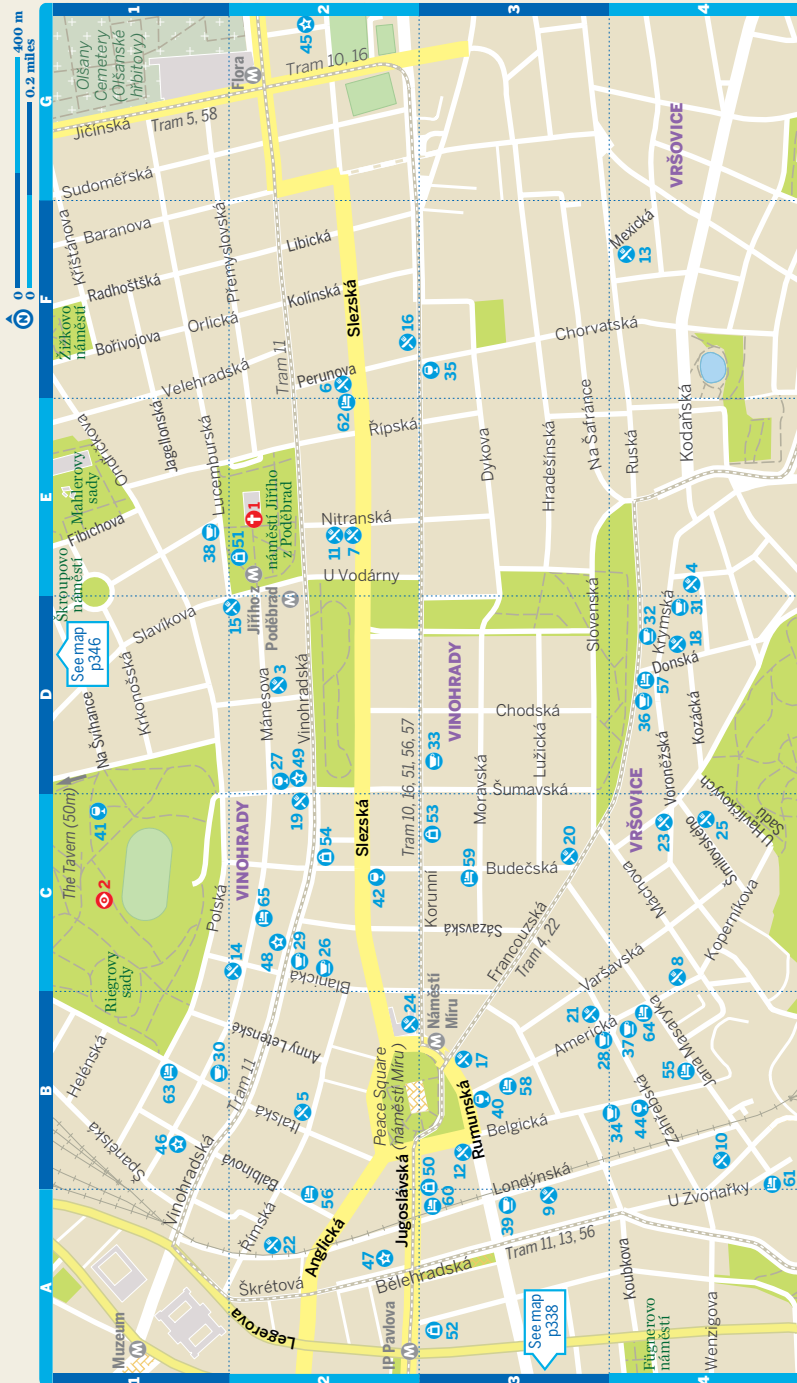


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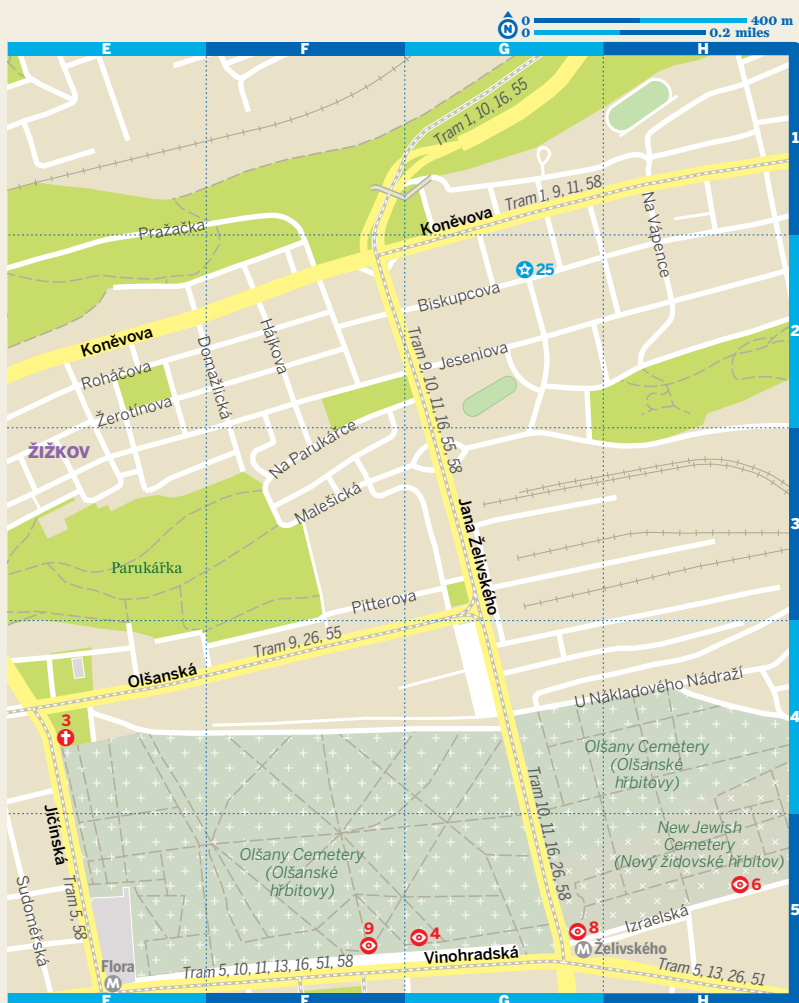
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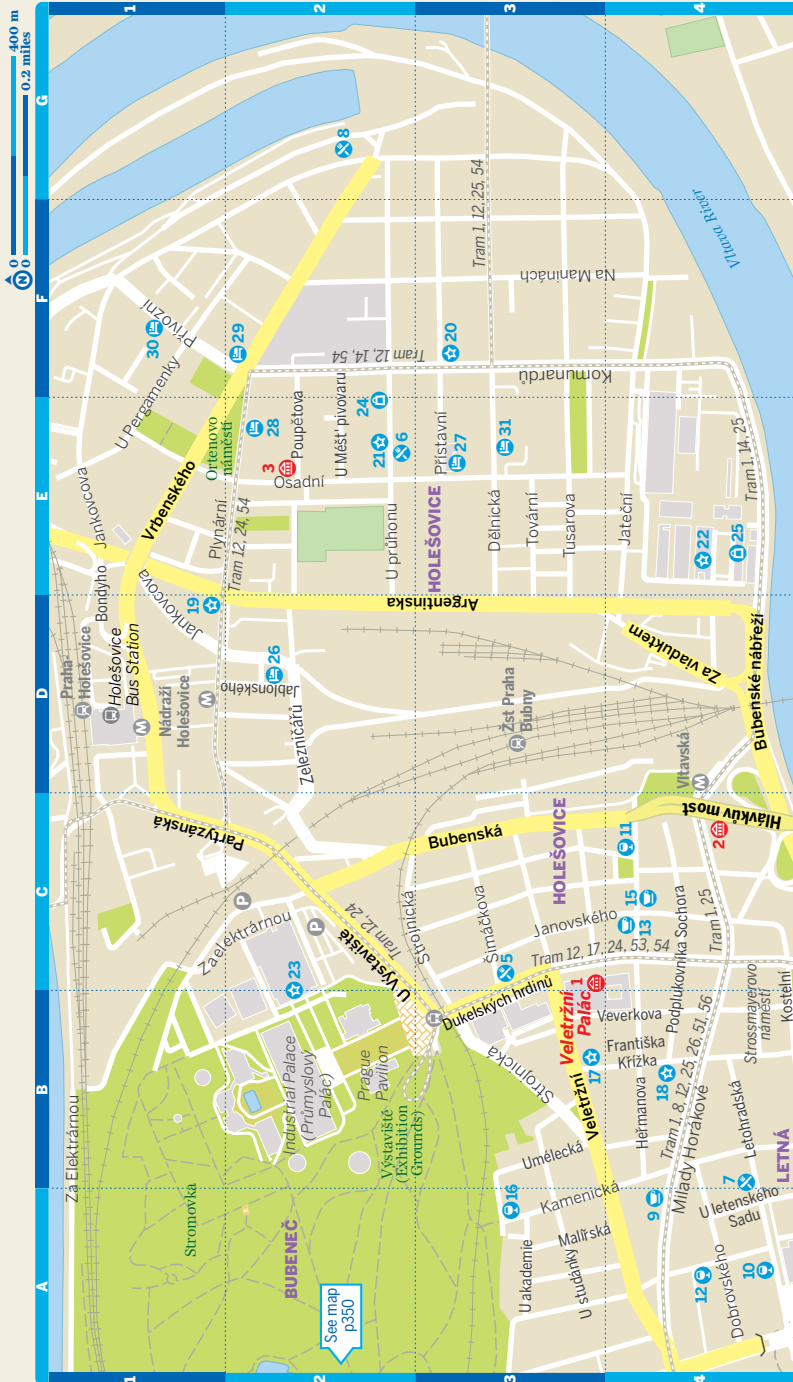
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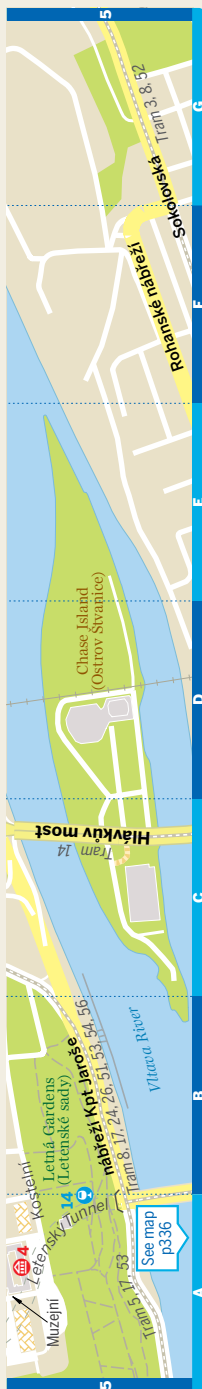


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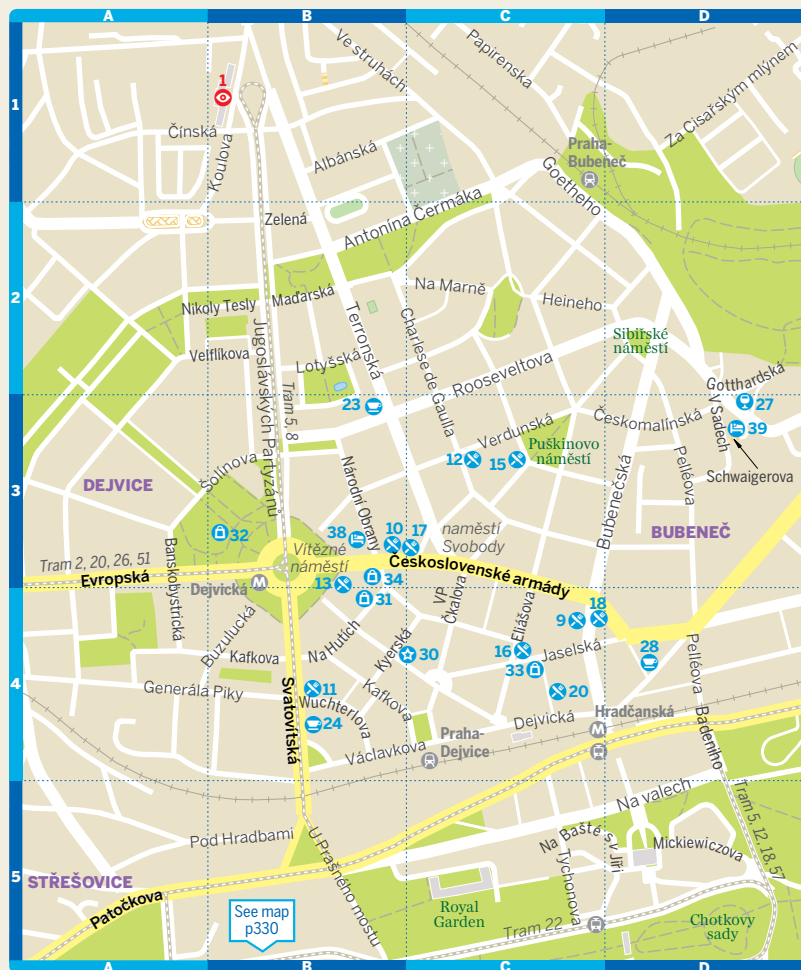
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