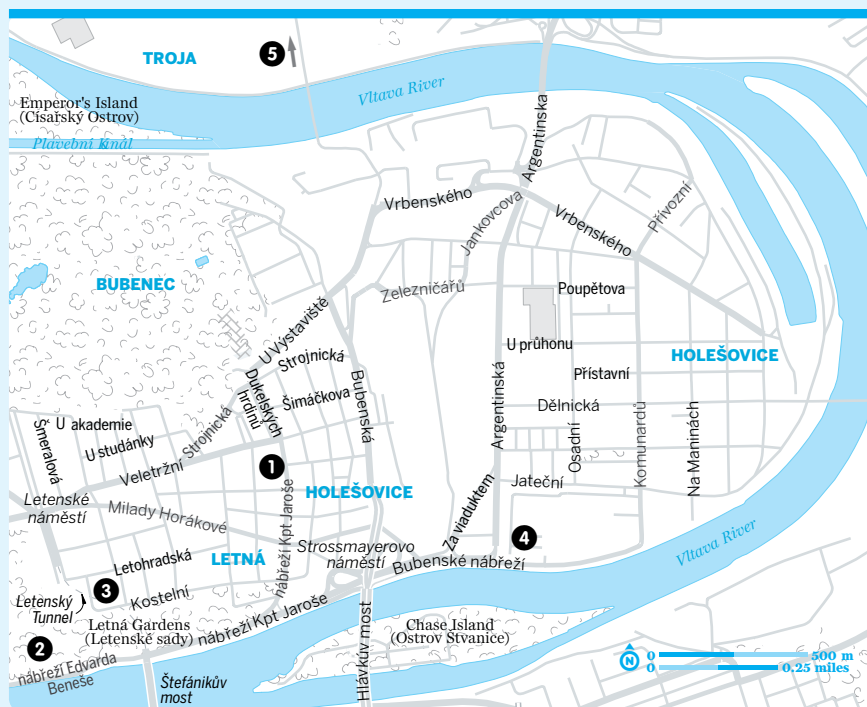


Holešovice

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Spend a day touring the excellent modern art museum at **Veletřní Palác** (p156). This overlooked branch of the National Gallery has fine examples of early modern Czech surrealist and cubist art. Oh, and you might want to see the stuff from Schiele, Klimt, Picasso and Van Gogh too.
- 2 Admire the view over the Old Town and Charles Bridge from the bluff overlooking the Vltava River at **Letná Gardens** (p157).
- 3 Take the kids to Prague's best interactive museum, the **National Technical Museum** (p157).
- 4 Splurge on some fancy Asian cooking at **Sasazu** (p157), then dance at the energetic club next door.
- 5 Get out of town (well, briefly) with a short excursion to the **Prague Zoo** (p158).



For more detail of this area, see Map p348 →

Explore: Holešovice

Holešovice is a mainly industrial district north of the centre defined by the big eastern bulge of the Vltava River and bounded by the river on three sides. It's divided into eastern and western halves by the main north-south rail line and a busy highway. Main transport hubs include Strossmayerovo náměstí in the west and the Holešovice train station (Nádraží Holešovice) in the northeast. The neighbourhood is gritty in spots, but possesses both the city's best art museum at Veletržní Palace and one of its nicest pieces of green at Letná Gardens.

Local Life

- ➔ **Hangouts** The Letná Beer Garden (p158) is the place to drink on a warm evening in summer.
- ➔ **Shopping** Pražská Tržnice (p161) is no longer the city's main food market, but it's still fun to people-watch.
- ➔ **Spectator sports** Ice hockey is a religion here, and home ice for Sparta Praha is Tipsport Aréna (p161).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Metro** Holešovice is accessible by metro via line C (red). To reach points on the western side of the district, use the Vltavská station. To reach the eastern side, go one stop further to Nádraží Holešovice.
- ➔ **Tram** The main tram junction for the western side of Holešovice is Strossmayerovo náměstí, served by lines 1, 8, 12, 17, 24, 25 and 26. Lines 1, 24 and 25 continue on into the district's eastern end. Line 14 also serves eastern Holešovice.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The National Gallery's Veletržní Palác (p156) is an art museum that won't disappoint. An amazing array of Western European masters, the best of Czech modern art, and 20 epically proportioned canvases by none other than Alfons Mucha – a must-visit.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Sasazu (p157)
- ➔ Korbel (p157)
- ➔ Letenský zámček (p158)
- ➔ Pivovar Marina (p158)
- ➔ Peperoncino (p158)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Letná Beer Garden (p158)
- ➔ Erhartova Cukrárna (p160)
- ➔ Park Cafe & Bar (p160)
- ➔ Kumbal (p160)
- ➔ Klášterní Pivnice (p160)

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Best Places to Party

- ➔ Cross Club (p160)
- ➔ Sasazu (p160)
- ➔ Mecca (p161)
- ➔ Hells Bells (p160)
- ➔ Letná Beer Garden (p158)

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