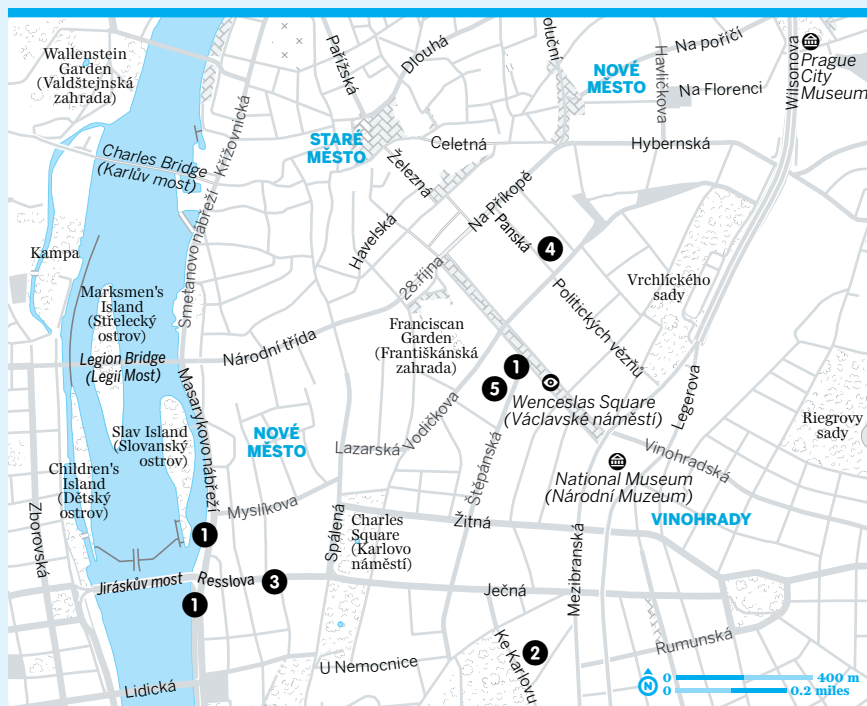


Nové Město

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Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Admire some of the city's finest 20th-century architecture in and around **Wenceslas Square** (p122), from the art nouveau extravagance of the Grand Hotel Evropa to the sleekly functionalist **Mánes Gallery** (p127) and the exuberant **Dancing Building** (p127).
- 2 Attend a performance of Dvořák's music by the **Original Music Theatre of Prague** (p133) in the Víla Amerika.
- 3 Learn about one of WWII's most dramatic assassinations in the **National Memorial to the Heroes of the Heydrich Terror** (p128).
- 4 Discover the beautiful art nouveau masterpieces of Prague's most famous artist at the **Mucha Museum** (p126).
- 5 Explore the magnificent arcades, such as those in **Lucerna Palace** (p124), and hidden gardens of Nové Město on foot.



For more detail of this area, see Map p336 and p338 →

Explore: Nové Město

Nové Město means 'New Town', although this crescent-shaped district to the east and south of Staré Město was new only when it was founded by Charles IV in 1348. It extends eastwards from Revoluční and Na Příkopě to Wilsonova and the main railway line, and south from Národní třída to Vyšehrad.

Most of Nové Město's outer fortifications were demolished in 1875, though a section of wall still survives in the south, facing Vyšehrad. However, the original street plan has been essentially preserved, with three large market squares that once provided the district's commercial focus: Hay Market Square (Senovážné náměstí), Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí) and Charles Square (Karlovo náměstí).

Most of the surviving buildings are from the 19th and early 20th centuries, many of them among the city's finest examples of art nouveau, neo-Renaissance, Czech National Revival and functionalist architecture. Many blocks are honeycombed with pedestrian-only arcades – Prague's famous *pasáže* (passages) – lined with shops, cafes, cinemas and theatres.

Local Life

➔ **A Night at the Opera** Get dressed up to the nines and join the crowds of similarly spruced-up Praguers attending a performance at the Prague State Opera (p133) – only tourists dress down.

➔ **Hangouts** The Bokovka (p132) wine bar is owned by a couple of Czech film directors, and is a popular meeting place for local arty types. Kávovarna (p132) is another place where locals outnumber tourists by a long way, despite being a few steps from Wenceslas Square.

➔ **Markets** Crowds of locals throng the river embankment at Náplavka for the Saturday farmers market (p134); in summer, stalls are augmented by music, barbecues and cocktail boats moored alongside.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** The city's three metro lines all intersect in Nové Město: at Muzeum and Můstek stations at the eastern and western ends (respectively) of Wenceslas Square, and at Florenc station in northern Nové Město, while Karlovo Náměstí station on line B serves southern Nové Město.

➔ **Tram** Cutting across the middle of Wenceslas Square, trams 3, 9, 14 and 24 run along Vodičkova and Jindřišská. Lines 14 and 17 run along the river embankment in the west.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you want to get away from the crowds and constant traffic of Wenceslas Square, find your way to the **Franciscan Garden** (p127) – an oasis of peace just a short stroll away from the urban madness.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Sansho (p131)
- ➔ Room (p131)
- ➔ Al Forno (p131)
- ➔ Siam Orchid (p131)
- ➔ Kogo (p131)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bokovka (p132)
- ➔ Pivovarský Dům (p131)
- ➔ Hoffa (p132)
- ➔ Red Room (p132)
- ➔ Vinograf (p132)

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Best Art Galleries

- ➔ Mucha Museum (p126)
- ➔ Leica Gallery (p125)
- ➔ Mánes Gallery (p127)

For reviews, see p124. ➔