

# On the Road





# Prague

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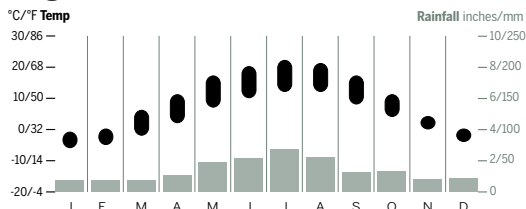
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## Why Go?

The 1989 Velvet Revolution that freed the Czechs from communism bequeathed to Europe a gem of a city to stand beside stalwarts such as Rome, Amsterdam and London. Not surprisingly, visitors from around the world have come in droves, and on a hot summer's day it can feel like you're sharing Charles Bridge with half of humanity. But even the crowds can't take away from the spectacle of a 14th-century stone bridge, a hilltop castle and a lovely, lazy river – the Vltava – that inspired one of the most hauntingly beautiful pieces of 19th-century classical music, Smetana's *Moldau* symphony.

## When to Go

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**Apr** Trees and flowers bud in spectacular fashion, though Easter can get very crowded.

**Jul & Aug** High summer brings hot days but lots of sunshine and great walking and cycling weather.

**Sep & Oct** Still plenty of light for daytime walks; cultural calendar resumes at entertainment venues.