

Week-end in Prague

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The most beautiful pictures







Prague, the city of a hundred spires, is really worth a visit for a weekend. Well known for its Charles Bridge, Prague has a beautiful old town center. It is really nice to stroll in its colorful streets, to drink a coffee on a terrace while listening to street music or to go for a walk along the Vlatava river.

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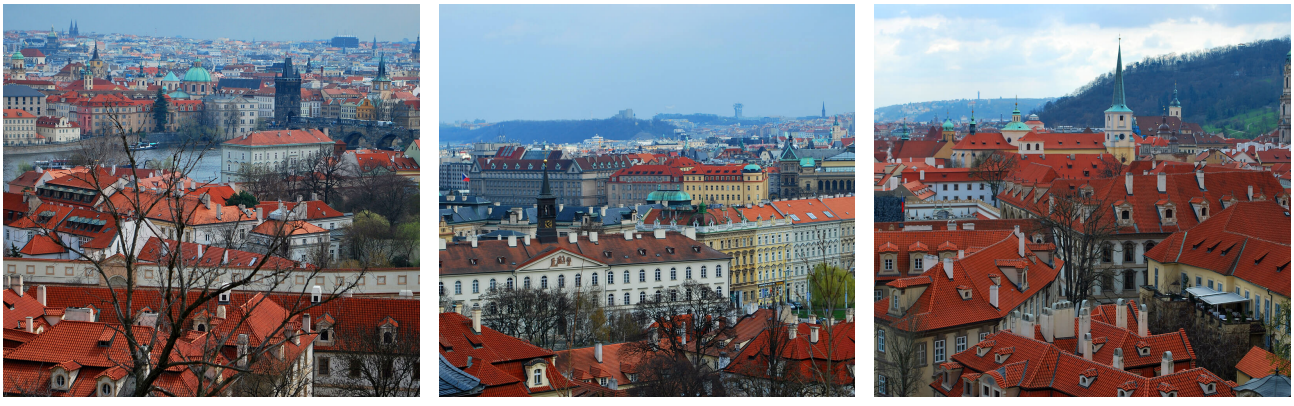
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Introduction

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, is also known as the **City of a Hundred Spires".** It is divided into two banks by the river **"Vlatava".** The old square in the city center houses a beautiful astronomical clock. Many historic buildings have been restored and give the city a colorful character. A museum is dedicated

to Franz Kafka, a 20th century writer born in Prague.

View of Prague



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Prague Castle

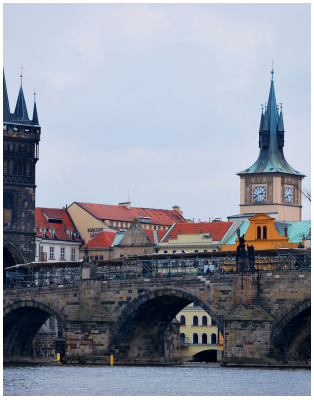
The Prague Castle was built in the **8th century**. It currently serves as the office of the Czech parliament.

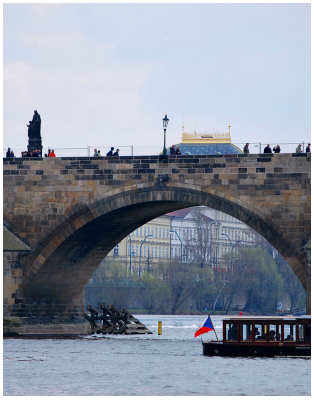


Prague Castle

Charles Bridge

The Charles Bridge provides a crossing of the river between the castle and the old town.







Charles Bridge and its arches

Astronomical clock

The Astronomical Clock is attached to the Old City Hall, located in the old downtown district. It includes, at its bottom, **a representation of the earth and the sky**. The upper ring represents the **12 signs of the zodiac**. The position of the sun and moon is represented by needles.









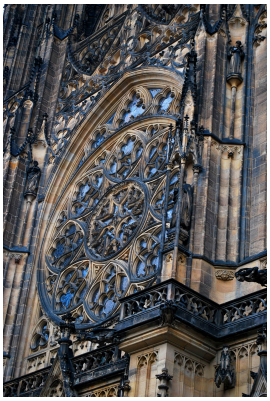
The astronomical clock and the calendar

City and colorful facades

The city is full of beautiful buildings, colorful facades, finely carved sculptures.







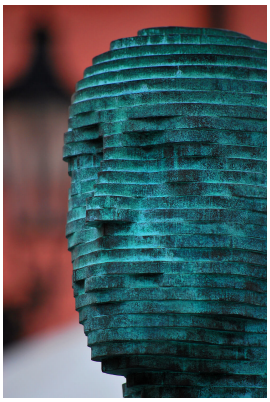



Façades and sculptures

Franz Kafka Museum

A museum dedicated to Franz Kafka, a famous writer, born in Prague in the late**19 century**. German-speaking, Kafka was famous for his writing that was halfway between realism and fantasy. The adjective **"Kafkaesque"** often refers to something absurd or illogical, somewhat along the lines of the mindless texts written by the author.





The Kafka Museum

Pop-art

A look at the subway, which has definitely become a star.

