

ITINERARY FOR PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

This itinerary should be read in conjunction with the online map which includes more details on restaurants, parking spots etc.

Days: 3/4 (This itinerary is organised based on the 3/4-days-trip assumption. Feel free to edit it to suit your purposes)

Location of accommodation: Block on Jilska, Karlova and Husova streets, Old town. *Extra tip: Ideal location, centrally located and in close distance to main walking routes towards landmarks (30 min distance, by car, from the airport). FYI: The central area is very congested and thus, taxis usually drop people off at the closest available streets.*

Day 1: Old town vol. 1

The old town is characterised by rich architecture (of many styles), organic pattern, narrow streets and a general atmosphere of a car-free environment. It is an extremely walkable place, so if you choose your accommodation wisely, you will be able to cover lots of ground in a very short time. *Extra tip 1: Making a list with all the landmarks to visit and planning a route would be useful and save lots of time. The landmarks illustrated in the online map are the most characteristic examples of each architectural period including gothic, renaissance, art nouveau, baroque, neoclassical and contemporary architecture. Extra tip 2: The online map offers a good number of places recommended for breakfast, coffee, lunch or dinner within the old town centre. Extra tip 3: Old town centre can be quite crowded due to its compact layout, so make sure to start your day early and get ahead of all the crowds. In general though, be prepared to be squeezed (especially during Xmas time).*

Day 2: Old town vol. 2 (Lesser Town)

Visiting Mala Strana will complete the tour in the old core of the town. The character of the neighbourhood and streets is similar to the old centre, however, the hilly landscape brings in more variety and interesting perspectives along the streetscape. While walking along Charles bridge one can witness different levels where people can move; below bridge level, on bridge level and upper bridge level. Make sure you experience all of them. *Extra tip: The online map shows the recommended walking route (short version) to ascend Prague Castle. Feel free to expand it even more if you have more time to spend.*

Day 3: Right on the edge (between new and old town)

After spending 2 days in the inner cores of the old town, it is now time for a change; a walk along the riverfront. In general, Prague is not known for its welcoming riverfront (which makes some sense due to the low temperatures during winter), however, towards the south, where the new part of the town emerges, some more 'european-style' approaches are introduced. More specifically, the riverfront to the south is characterised by wide pavements, with street trees, seating areas, whilst there are some activities going on attracting people and thus, life. This is the recommended walking route towards Petrin Tower which also stops by the island in the middle of the river. *Extra tip 1: Visiting Petrin Tower also offers an opportunity to visit the southern end of Mala Strana. The online map shows a recommended walking route along the canal next to Kampa museum, ideal during the sunset.*

Day 4: New town

Visiting the new town is the perfect way to complete this trip. However, if there is not enough time, then Day 3 & 4 could be combined. I personally visited parts of the new town to the south the day of my departure, since I had an evening flight. The new town offers a different environment compared to the old town. Streets are wider, there are less irregular building lines and older architectural styles co-exist with contemporary architecture. *Extra tip: Consider taking the tram to reach some of those locations to save time. It is also a pleasant experience which offers nice views towards the river.*

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