



TRIP GLOBAL

3 Days in Prague: Old Town, Castle & Beer Halls

Prague, Czech Republic · May · 3 days

Tailored for couples - includes romantic spots, intimate dining, and couple-friendly activities

Three days in Prague for a couple, starting in Old Town Square and Josefov, then crossing Charles Bridge to Prague Castle and Nerudova Street. Save time on the last day for the Municipal House and the market on Havelská Street.

Open the interactive trip: live map, photos and links

Before you go:

Get a Czechia eSIM: data on landing

What this trip might cost, per person for 3 days, flights extra:

Budget \$100 · Mid-range \$190-260 · Comfort \$320

Opening hours, prices and transport change. Please double-check bookings and times before you go.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

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Old Town Square and the Jewish Quarter

Old Town · 3 nights

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Charles Bridge, Prague Castle and Nerudova Street

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DAY 3

Wenceslas Square, Municipal House and Havelská Market

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AFTER THE LAST DAY

Before you go: Prague

Old Town Square and the Jewish Quarter

Arrival day: an easy start close to your stay

Sunrise 5:18 AM

Golden hour 7:54 PM

Sunset 8:41 PM

Your base for 3 nights: Old Town

Start at Old Town Square, walk into Josefov, then stroll down Paříská Street and take a coffee break at Café Terežín.

GO

12:30 PM · 1 hour

Václav Havel Airport Prague to Old Town

Take the Airport Express bus (100 K, 40 minutes) to Národní Republiky station in Old Town, or a taxi (400-500 K, 30-40 minutes depending on traffic). Drop your bags at your hotel, then head out to walk the quarter.

- Airport Express bus and metro · 40 minutes · \$5-6 per person
- Shared shuttle · 35 minutes · \$15-20 per person
- Taxi or Uber · 25 minutes · \$20-28 per person

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1



2:15 PM · 1.5 hours

Old Town Square

Free

Prague's heart: a sprawl of Gothic and Renaissance townhouses, the Astronomical Clock on the Town Hall, and the twin spires of the Týn Church. Wander the arcades and side streets to avoid the midday crowd. From your hotel, it's a 5-10 minute walk.

Insider tip: Skip the main square at 3 PM when tour groups gather. Walk south into the quieter courtyards and around the back of the Týn Church.

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2



3:50 PM · 1.5 hours

Jewish Quarter (Josefov)

\$8-12 per synagogue · Open 9 AM-6 PM (Summer); 9 AM-5 PM (Winter); closed Saturdays

Six centuries of Prague's Jewish community in one intimate neighbourhood: narrow lanes, the Old Jewish Cemetery with its crowded, layered graves, and four historic synagogues (Old-New, Maisel, Pinkas, Spanish). Entry to the cemetery and synagogues is one combined ticket (580 K adults). A 10-minute walk north from Old Town Square.

Insider tip: Buy your ticket at the Old-New Synagogue entrance; it covers all four and the cemetery. The Pinkas Synagogue is quietest in late afternoon.

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DAY 1: OLD TOWN SQUARE AND THE JEWISH QUARTER (CONTINUED)

3



7:50 PM · 20 minutes

Paíská Street

Free

The neighbourhood's main boulevard, lined with Art Nouveau facades and high-end shops, but walk it for the architecture and light. At 7:50 PM, the golden hour hits the old stone facades. A 5-minute walk from the Jewish Quarter.

Insider tip: Walk slowly and look up at the ornate roofs and tile work. Stop under the arcade near Staromstská metro station for the best evening glow on the stones.

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8:15 PM · 1.5 hours

Café Tere�ín

\$8-17 per person for coffee and cake

A calm, traditional Czech restaurant in a converted medieval townhouse just south of Old Town Square. Order goulash, svíková (marinated beef with cream sauce), and a local beer. Simple, reliable, not a tourist trap. A 2-minute walk from the square.

Insider tip: Ask for a table upstairs in the old vaulted room. The pork schnitzel is also very good. Mains run 200-280 K.

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If you land early (optional, close to your stay, before the plan above)

Powder Tower: A Gothic gate tower on the edge of Old Town with steep stairs to a rooftop view over the terracotta roofs and spires. 10 minutes east of Old Town Square.

Ungelt Courtyard: A hidden square behind the Týn Church with Renaissance houses, cafes, and a quiet place to sit. 5 minutes from Old Town Square.

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Where to stay in Old Town

Book a hotel or apartment in Old Town between the Old Town Square and the Jewish Quarter. You're steps from the main sights, the tram stops, and Nerudova Street for Day 2.

Hostel Advantage

Budget · Hostel · \$

Private double rooms available. Josef quarter, 10 min walk from Old Town. Kitchen access.

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Pension U erného Lva

Budget · Guesthouse · \$

Quiet alley near Old Town, family-run, simple rooms, genuine local feel.

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Hotel U Pívozu

Mid-range · Hotel · \$\$

Quiet side street off Old Town Square. Beamed ceilings, courtyard. Walking distance everywhere.

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Hotel Metamorphis

Mid-range · Hotel · \$\$

Right on Old Town Square. Medieval building. Pay extra for square-facing room if budget allows.

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Boho Prague

Mid-range · Guesthouse · \$\$

Nerudova Street base, steep stairs up the hill but worth it, local feel, good breakfasts.

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The Emblem Hotel

Mid-range · Hotel · \$\$

Old Town Square, art nouveau interiors, central to bridge and castle, reliable mid-range choice.

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Where to eat

Café Obecní Dm

Czech · Lunch · \$\$

Art nouveau café in the Municipal House. Order goulash and trout, sit under the stained glass.

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U Medvídk

Czech · Dinner · \$\$

Golden-era beer hall since 1466. Dark wood, tourists and locals mixed. Czech classics, house beer.

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DAY 1: OLD TOWN SQUARE AND THE JEWISH QUARTER (CONTINUED)

TOURS & DAY TRIPS FROM PRAGUE

3 HOURS

Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral guided tour

You'll skip the long queues and get the history right instead of reading plaques; the interiors are genuinely impressive and the views of the city from the gardens are worth the trip alone.

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3-4 HOURS

Food and beer tour through Old Town and Vinohrady

A guide steers you to the real pubs and local spots, teaches you how to order, and you'll eat and drink better than wandering solo.

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2-3 HOURS

Jewish Quarter museum pass and walking tour

The synagogues and cemetery are among Europe's most moving historical sites; a guide explains the story, which matters here more than anywhere else.

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1 HOUR

Vltava River sunset cruise

You'll see the castle, Charles Bridge, and old town from the water without the crowds; it's relaxing and the city looks best at dusk.

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4 HOURS

Czech cooking class with market visit

You'll make goulash, svíková, and trdelník from scratch, eat what you cook, and learn what makes Czech food work - beats any restaurant meal.

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Charles Bridge, Prague Castle and Nerudova Street

Sunrise 5:18 AM

Golden hour 7:54 PM

Sunset 8:41 PM

Sleep in Old Town · night 2 of 3

Cross Charles Bridge in the morning, spend a few hours in the castle courtyard and gardens, then walk down Nerudova to Café ertovka.

1



5:45 AM · 45 minutes

Charles Bridge

Free

Medieval stone bridge lined with statues, best crossed at sunrise when it's quiet and light is soft. Cross it end to end, stop at the tower midway. Walk from your hotel about 5 minutes west.

Insider tip: Arrive by 5:50 AM, before tour groups. The Old Town Bridge Tower has a small fee but skippable views.

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2



7:00 AM · 2.5 hours

Prague Castle courtyard and gardens

Free (courtyard); \$6 per tower climb · Open 6 AM-11 PM (grounds); 9 AM-5 PM (castle buildings in May)

Massive hilltop complex with three courtyards, St. Vitus Cathedral, and sweeping views over the city. Take tram 22 from Charles Bridge (direction Bílá Hora, 5 minutes) to Praský Hrad stop. Walk 10 minutes uphill through castle gates.

Insider tip: Skip the interior of St. Vitus Cathedral (long queues, ticketed separately). Walk the courtyards and the South Gardens free and watch the changing of the guard at noon.

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3



9:45 AM · 1.5 hours

Nerudova Street

Free

Steep cobbled lane descending from Prague Castle with colorful houses, craft shops, and local cafes. Walk downhill from the castle's main exit, 20 minutes to the bottom at Malostranské Náměstí.

Insider tip: Stop at house number 51 for its red house sign, a medieval symbol of a pharmacy. Meander slowly, pop into small galleries.

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DAY 2: CHARLES BRIDGE, PRAGUE CASTLE AND NERUDOVA STREET (CONTINUED)

4



11:30 AM · 1 hour

Café ertovka

\$6-12 per person for coffee and snack

Riverside cafe tucked beside the Old Mill. Grab lunch here: strong coffee, local pastries, and a quiet table above the water before the afternoon rush. At the bottom of Nerudova, cross into Malá Strana and walk 5 minutes towards the river.

Insider tip: Order the trdelník (spiral pastry with cinnamon sugar) and sit by the water. Cash preferred.

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7:30 PM · 1.5 hours

Petín Park viewpoint

Free (park); \$6 for Petín Tower · Open Park always open; Tower 10 AM-10 PM (May)

Green hilltop park with city views, especially golden at sunset. Climb the steel Petín Lookout Tower for the best panorama, or walk the free paths. From Malá Strana, take funicular tram 91 (5 minutes) or walk uphill 20 minutes.

Insider tip: Arrive by 7:45 PM so you're at the tower by 8:00 PM for full golden hour (peaks around 8:20 PM). Tower ticket is 150 CZK.

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Where to eat

Café Savoy

Czech and European · Breakfast · \$\$

Elegant 1930s café with high ceilings. Order eggs, pastries, strong coffee. Opens 8am.

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U Modré Kachniky

Czech · Lunch · \$\$

Duck specialties in a cosy Old Town room. Get the roasted duck with red cabbage and dumplings.

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Kampa Park

International with Czech roots · Dinner · \$\$\$

Riverside tables overlook the bridge. Book a table facing west for sunset at 8:41pm. Fresh fish.

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Wenceslas Square, Municipal House and Havelská Market

Sunrise 5:18 AM

Golden hour 7:54 PM

Sunset 8:41 PM

Sleep in Old Town · night 3 of 3

Begin on Wenceslas Square, look inside the Municipal House, pass the Powder Tower, and finish with a browse at the Havelská Street market.

1



8:30 AM · 1 hour

Wenceslas Square

Free

A long, sloping plaza lined with early-1900s facades, cafes, and shops. Start here to see the St. Wenceslas statue at the top and the grand architecture in morning light. Walk from Old Town Square southeast for 15 minutes, or take tram 3, 9, or 14 to Václavské náměstí.

Insider tip: Climb to the statue by 8:45 AM before crowds gather; the light is best then.

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2



10:00 AM · 1.5 hours

Book ahead

Municipal House

\$12 per person for tour; free to view exterior · Open 10 AM-6 PM (tours run hourly)

An ornate 1912 Art Nouveau palace with a grand hall, stained glass, and period interiors you can tour with a guide. It's a 5-minute walk south of Wenceslas Square or directly across from Powder Tower. Book a 10 AM tour online.

Insider tip: Tours are 45 minutes; the Smetana Hall upstairs is the highlight, with ornate plasterwork and stained glass.

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3



11:45 AM · 45 minutes

Powder Tower

\$4 per person to climb tower · Open 9 AM-6 PM (May)

A 15th-century Gothic gate with an interior museum and a rooftop viewpoint over Old Town and New Town. The climb is steep but the views are worth it. It's a 2-minute walk from Municipal House.

Insider tip: Skip the museum; go straight to the rooftop (206 steps). May crowds are light mid-morning.

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12:45 PM · 1 hour

Market at Havelská Street

Free · Open 8 AM-6 PM (daily)

A narrow covered lane with fruit, flowers, souvenirs, and a few small food stalls. Go here for lunch: grab trdelník (fried bread with cinnamon) or fresh salads from vendors. A 10-minute walk south from Powder Tower through Old Town.

Insider tip: The best trdelník comes from stands at the market's center; eat standing up to feel local.

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Where to eat

Café Obecní dm

Czech · Breakfast · \$\$

Art nouveau interior, coffee and pastries in an 1912 landmark building.

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Hanavský Pavilon

Czech · Lunch · \$\$

Iron structure overlooking New Town, traditional goulash and local beer.

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Lokál Dlouhááá

Czech · Dinner · \$\$

Neighborhood spot in New Town, unpretentious food, order the smažený sýr (fried cheese).

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BEFORE YOU GO: PRAGUE

Do I need to book Prague Castle ahead?

No, but go early (before 9am) to skip the queue and beat the crowds. Tickets are 250 K for the grounds and cathedral. It takes about 2-3 hours to see it properly.

What food should we try?

Goulash, tripe soup, schnitzel, and fresh trout. Hit a local hospoda (pub) not a tourist restaurant. Expect hearty, simple, delicious. Beer is cheaper than water here.

Are there any festivals or events in May?

Prague Spring music festival runs through May with classical concerts in historic venues. Most performances sell out; book online in advance. The city also hosts the Prague Writers' Festival if you're into literature.

Where should we stay to avoid tourists?

Vinohrady or Žizkov neighborhoods are cheaper, quieter, and full of real local life. You're 10-15 minutes by tram from the old town, so worth it for the vibe.

What's the weather like in Prague in May?

Expect 15-20°C (59-68°F), mostly dry with occasional rain. Pack layers, a light jacket, and comfortable walking shoes - you'll be on your feet for hours.

Do people speak English in Prague?

Spoken here: Czech. English works fine in tourist areas, restaurants, and hotels, but less so in pubs and shops outside the city centre.

Useful phrases:

- Dkuji (dyeh-koo-yee): thank you
- Prosím (pro-seem): please
- Kolik to stojí? (ko-lik to stoy-ee): how much does it cost?
- Pivo (pih-vo): beer
- Nemluvím anglicky (nem-loo-veem ung-lits-kee): I don't speak English

Is Prague safe for visitors?

Prague's safe for tourists, but watch for pickpockets on the Charles Bridge, in the Old Town Square, and on tram line 22 (the tourist route to the castle). Keep valuables close and bags zipped.

What's the emergency number in Czechia?

Call 112 for police, ambulance or fire. It's free and works from any phone, including a foreign mobile.

Do you tip in Czechia?

Rounding up to the nearest 20-50 K is normal and appreciated, but not obligatory. In restaurants, 10% is generous if service was good, though many locals don't tip at all.

What do only locals know about Prague?

- Skip the Old Town Square restaurants with picture menus facing the square; head one street back for the same food at half the price and better quality.
- Beer is cheaper than coffee and fresher than anywhere else - a proper pilsner costs 30-50 K at a local pub.
- The astronomical clock draws huge crowds on the hour; see it early morning or skip it entirely and admire the square itself.
- Vinohrady and ikov neighbourhoods have better bars, cheaper food, and actual locals - take tram 4 or 22 instead of walking everywhere.