

CLASSIC PRAGUE

CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

DAY 1 – OLD TOWN AND JEWISH QUARTER

Depending on your arrival time, you will make the acquaintance of your French-speaking guide and begin your pilgrimage through the romantic «city of a hundred spires» with a half-day guided tour. You will discover the **Old Town** from the time of the Hussite Protestant Reformation, symbolized by a memorial commemorating the movement's martyred leader, **Master Jan Hus**. The **Bethlehem Chapel**, where he once preached, used to be the largest church west of the Alps. You will see, amongst other sights, the astronomical clock and its one-of-a-kind mechanism dating back to the 15th century. You will discover the **old Jewish ghetto**, including one of the oldest Gothic synagogues and its cemetery, which record the evolution of Jewish life in the Czech lands. There, the Nazis accumulated the confiscated possessions of Jews sent to concentration camps during World War II. Overnight at hotel.



DAY 2 – PRAGUE CASTLE, MALÁ STRANA AND CHARLES BRIDGE

You will start your day with a visit of the **Prague Castle**, the largest castle in the world and home to the old Czech kings and today's President. You will admire the St. Vitus Cathedral and its magnificent stained glass windows, the Golden Lane – where Franz Kafka once lived – as well as **Queen Anne's Summer Palace** (a Renaissance palace built by Ferdinand I for his wife, who sadly didn't live to see it finished). Next, the 12th-century **Strahov Monastery**, famous for its Baroque libraries, and the **Prague Loreto**, a Baroque pilgrimage site known around the world for its carillon as well as a treasure room where you can admire a famous monstrance adorned with 6,222 diamonds.

The Baroque district of Malá Strana is a must-see. The **Church of Our Lady Victorious** houses the well-known **Little Jesus of Prague**. Stop by the Lennon wall to pay tribute to the late musician who inspired generations of others. Finally, you will reach **Charles Bridge**: made from Bohemia sandstone and fortified by three Gothic towers, the bridge was gradually completed with 30 statues of saints including a famous portrayal of St. John of Nepomuk. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 3 – WENCESLAS SQUARE AND PRAGUE NEW TOWN

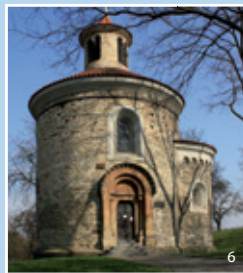
This half-day visit will begin on **Wenceslas Square**, heart of the New Town and the home of many demonstrations and important revolutionary events. Remarkable for its architecture, David Černý's upside-down statue of St. Wenceslas – which parodies the one in the square – can be found in **Lucerna Palace**, built by the family of former president **Václav Havel**.

National Street (Národní) witnessed the student demonstration that led to the **Velvet Revolution** and the fall of Communism in 1989. It will guide you to the **National Theater**, nicknamed the «Golden Chapel». Art Nouveau lovers will get their fill at the **Municipal House**, a stunning building which accommodates a gastronomic restaurant and many exhibitions. Connoisseurs shouldn't miss the **Alphonse Mucha Museum** a few streets away. The world-renowned Czech artist was discovered by Sarah Bernhardt while living in Paris. Free afternoon, overnight at hotel.



OPTIONAL / IN ADDITION

Half-day guided tour of **Vyšehrad Hill** the former place of residence of the kings, with a famous cemetery sheltering important Czech artists and personalities such as **Milada Horáková**, who was sentenced to death under the communist regime, world-renowned composers **Antonín Dvořák** and **Bedřich Smetana**, opera singer **Emma Destinnová** and the master of romantic poetry **Karel Hynek Mácha**. You can also see one of the oldest of Prague's three rotundas, **St. Martin Rotunda**, as well as the **Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul**, rebuilt in the Gothic style.



DAY 4 – FREE TIME AND PETŘÍN HILL

Free time, shopping or one last look at Prague's historic beauties. Take the time to visit **Petřín Hill** on your own. It's praised for its panoramic views of the city and an elegant observation tower, a scale model of the Eiffel Tower built in 1891.

RATES APRIL-OCTOBER (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

starting from 130 €/person in double occupancy (base 30 pax)

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- 3 nights incl. breakfast in central hotel 3*
- Welcome by our French-speaking guide

Starting from
130 €/person in
a double room

- 2 half-days of guided tour D1, D3, full day D2

- Local taxes

ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

- Coach transfers
- Entrance fees (see blue box)

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