

TCHÉQUIE TOUR

POLITICS, SOCIETY, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRY AND OF DAILY LIFE

1. THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC: THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES (THUN PALACE) OR THE SENATE (WALLENSTEIN PALACE)

The Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic are located in the Thun Palace. It is one of the oldest parliamentary buildings in Europe, built at the beginning of the 17th century in the baroque style and redesigned in the 19th century in the neo-classical style. It was modernised several times during the 19th and 20th centuries based on the needs of the Diet and other institutions of the state. In the 18th century, the building was used as a theatre attended among others by the Emperor Joseph II. On 14 October 1918, it became the seat of the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic and in 1993, it became the seat of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

The guided tour includes a visit to the room of the sessions, corridors, a projection of a film, and if possible, a visit of the committees of the Parliament.

Duration: 75 min. The maximum number of people per visit: 30.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 3-4 h.

2. CZECH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PRAGUE

The Czech Chamber of Commerce brings its support to entrepreneurs, collaborates on modifications of the legislation, facilitates the access of Czech companies to foreign markets, and supports investments aimed at the development of affairs in the Czech Republic.

The guided tour includes a conference in the conference room. The topic is the role of the Chamber of Commerce in the development of the Czech Republic, the main sectors of the economy, international trade, with a discussion at the end.

Duration: 1h-1h30.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 3-4 h.



POLITICAL SYSTEM



EDUCATION AND FORMAL TRAINING

3. HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY, PRAGUE

After primary school, the majority of children in the Czech Republic continue their training in colleges, high schools, vocational and technical institutes. The studies are oriented towards trade, human and social sciences, and technical subjects and the courses are organised in bilingual English-Czech classes. The major schools and universities offer graduate studies.

The guided tour includes a brief presentation of the institution, a visit to the classrooms, a look at the participation of pupils or students in courses, and a brief discussion with them.

Duration: approximately 2h. The maximum number of people per visit: 40.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 3-4 h.

4. NURSERY / NURSERY SCHOOL, PRAGUE

The **pre-school education** prepares children for primary school and includes two types of institutions: day nurseries and nursery schools. These provide benefits such as: **services of care, development of psychomotor skills, collective integration; meals and educational activities.** Various **activities include games** in the open air, and in the garden of the nursery, development of imagination, reading stories, recitation of poems, recognition of different animals, games with Lego, plasticine, cutouts, collages, assemblies, creative education, games with colours, chalk, charcoal, physical education, musical education, simple dances, socialization, development of self-confidence, rapport between children.

Guided tour of a Nursery in Prague, establishments for children aged 1 to 3 years old, or in another available institution. **Meeting with the children and tour of the institution and its activities.** The nursery prefers donations or a support-type sponsorship for a right of entry. 3-4 pupils or students maximum can play with the children at any one time in the class.

Duration: 1h.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 3-4 h.



5. HOSPITAL / NURSERY / MATERNITY, PRAGUE

Medical care in Prague and the Czech Republic is at an excellent level and it is financed by public health insurance. **The Motol hospital is the largest hospital complex in the Czech Republic.** It was built throughout the 60s, 80s and 90s and has been being renovated since 2006. There are services reserved for children, adults and seniors.

Guided tour of one of the most important hospitals in the Czech Republic or another available institution. The tour includes a brief presentation of the hospital of 20 minutes or a projection of a film, visit of 2 services of the hospital or 2 clinics.

Duration: 1h30 max. The maximum number of people per visit: 25 (bigger group than 25p. must be divided into 2).

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter available 3-4 h.

6. RETIREMENT HOME / INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF THE ELDERLY, PRAGUE

The Czech Republic has a **developed system of care for the elderly.** These institutions offer the following services: **temporary accommodation in apartments,** home for a day, room for the sick, restaurant, delivery of meals, **activities and awareness, rehabilitation, health care, support to cognitive functions** such as memory, attention, photography, cultural and social events, leisure and travelling.

Guided tour of a retirement home or an institution taking care of the elderly in Prague. The tour includes a visit of different establishments (refectory, presentation of activities etc).

Duration: 1h.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 3-4 h.



7. FUNDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED «FOD» AND FOSTER HOME KLOKÁNEK, PRAGUE

The Klokánek homes constitutes a **network of shelters for children in difficulty,** independent of the state but accredited by the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Health and managed by the fund FOD. Each establishment includes 5-12 apartments, and there are approximately 155 apartments in total in the whole country. Professional care is provided by specialised staff and supported by a family approach or in a **host family** if available. The stay of children in the establishment is provisional, 6 months on average. **2 educators take care of 4 children per apartment.**

Visit of the institution and apartments, presentation of its mission and its services, meetings with the children and teachers. The children's home Klokánek prefers donations to a right of entry.

Duration: 1h30.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 3-4 h

8. SOS VILLAGES, BRNO AND KARLOVY VARY

The **SOS villages (there are 3 villages of this type in the Czech Republic)** represent a set of **individual houses for families providing home and educational staff.** The establishment is independent of the state. Each family has its home where it leads a normal life. There is an administrative building for the director, the educational personnel and psychologists as well as activity rooms available.

Guided tour of the administrative building, meeting with the director and employees, presentation of the project, activities room (possibly meeting with those families providing a home who are willing).

Duration: 1-2h. The maximum number of people per visit: 8-12 per day.

The excursion includes the services of a guide/interpreter, available 9-10 h.

Given that the SOS village is far from Prague it is recommended that you combine the visit with a more significant tourist excursion – for example, the spa town of Karlovy Vary or the site of the Peace Memorial (Battle of Austerlitz) in Slavkov u Brna. (reworded)



OPTIONAL / IN ADDITION We can organize other thematic visits, for example courts, colleges, technical schools, universities, with exchanges of students, administrations, departments, associations, barrack-specialized institutions such as a home and a school for disabled children, orphanages / services of assistance to infants and young children, and juvenile detention centres.

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