



**Prague is an intriguing city that excites and surprises visitors. A city that is steeped in history but on closer inspection this is a vibrant modern city with a lively nightlife. Prague overflows with artistic and architectural heritage and will leave you wanting more.**

#### **Getting there:**

**Dublin** – Aer Lingus fly every day but Tuesday and Saturday. Ryanair fly every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

#### **To/From the airport:**

Prague Airport is located 17km from the city centre. A bus service is available every 15 to 20 minutes from the airport to the city centre with a journey time of approximately 20 minutes.

#### **Currency:**

The currency in Prague is the **Czech Koruny**. The rate is approx 1 Euro = 25 CZK.

#### **Where to stay:**

- **Miss Sophie's:** Comes highly recommended by our own Maria Keane, need we say more! [www.miss-sophies.com](http://www.miss-sophies.com).
- **Prague's Heaven:** Located in a quieter spot in Vyšehrad. Ideal for those wanting to escape Prague's "party town" reputation. [www.hostelpraha.eu](http://www.hostelpraha.eu).
- **Hostel Elf:** A hip hostel near the bars in Žižkov. Nice beer garden with lots of nooks and crannies. [www.hostelelf.com](http://www.hostelelf.com).

#### **Things to do and Places to see:**

- The city's main attraction is **Prague Castle** – Take the long tour which includes the bejewelled St. Wenceslas Chapel in St. Vitus Cathedral, views from the cathedral tower, the impressive Vladislav Hall and the Basilica of St. George. It's free to

explore the gardens and courtyards. Try not to miss the changing of the guard at noon.

- **Charles Bridge** – Built in 1357, this bridge also has 30 beautiful statues dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Try to visit it at dawn or dusk and avoid crowds.
- **Wenceslas Square** – The name may ring a bell from a certain Christmas song. This square is surrounded by many shops, banks and restaurants and is home to the statue of St. Wenceslas. There is also a shrine to the victims of communism and the famous protest to Soviet invasion in 1969.
- **Old Town Hall** square and the **Astronomical Clock** - The clock is an amazing piece of machinery. On the hour the clock treats you to a parade of the apostles and a bell ringing skeleton!
- **Bohemian Beer** – Czech beer is world famous and you would be remiss not to try it out. A few names are *Budvar*, *Pilsner Urquell* and Prague's own *Staropramen*.

#### **Nightlife:**

The two main after dark spots are Vinohrady and Žižkov. Far less touristy and over priced than the Old Town bars.

- **Čili Bar** – This unpretentious Old Town bar in Stare Mesto is a contrast to its surroundings. A grunge cocktail bar!
- **U Sadu** – A must visit bar in Žižkov which hasn't changed in decades. Cool memorabilia which includes Communist-era posters of forgotten politicians.
- **Club Radost FX** – Prague's most popular club. Has a popular hip-hop night on Thursdays ([www.fxbounce.com](http://www.fxbounce.com))

#### **Top tips:**

- Just walk around and explore, there are lovely cafe's all over the city where you can take a rest! Prague also has some impressive architecture.
- Don't exchange your money in the private exchange booths, there are plenty of banks and ATM's in the city, use them.
- Try the Sauerkraut and Dumplings!