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Dear Readers,

As Prague awakens from its winter slumber, the city bursts into life with the colors and energy of spring. From blooming parks and lively outdoor markets to cultural festivals and café terraces, March, April, and May are the perfect months to explore the golden city on the Vltava River. Spring in Prague offers something for everyone. In March, the final remnants of winter give way to celebrations like the traditional Burning of Morana, a ritual bidding farewell to the cold and welcoming spring's warmth. April invites you to enjoy Prague's iconic parks and gardens, such as Petřín Hill and the blossoming cherry trees in Stromovka Park, while May brings romance to the city, especially on May 1st, celebrated as the "Day of Love" at Vyšehrad and under the statue of poet

Karel Hynek Mácha.

Spring also means Prague's cultural calendar is in full bloom. Enjoy classical music at the Prague Spring Festival, visit world-class exhibitions in galleries, or explore local traditions at the Easter Markets in Old Town Square, where you can taste seasonal treats and shop for handmade crafts. This issue of Prague Panorama brings you handpicked tips on the best events, hidden corners of the city to explore, and culinary recommendations to enjoy Prague's vibrant food scene. Whether you're strolling along the Vltava River, taking a day trip on Hop On Hop Off bus, or savoring a cup of coffee on a sunny terrace, we hope you'll experience the charm of Prague in its springtime splendor.

Enjoy the season of renewal and discovery!

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Traditional Czech Holidays and Celebrations in Spring: March, April, May

Spring in the Czech Republic is a season of renewal, joy, and rich traditions. As nature awakens and days grow longer, Czechs celebrate both religious and folk holidays that have been passed down through generations. From vibrant Easter festivities to romantic May Day customs, here's an overview of the most important Czech holidays and celebrations during March, April, and May.

1. Burning of Morana (Vynášení Morany)

When: Late March (around the spring equinox)

What It Is: A pagan-rooted tradition marking the end of winter and welcoming spring.

How It's Celebrated: Children and locals create an effigy of Morana, the goddess of winter and death, made of straw and old clothes. The effigy is paraded through the village or town and ceremoniously burned or thrown into a river to symbolize the departure of winter.

Where to See It: This tradition is particularly popular in smaller towns and villages, such as Rožtoky u Prahy or in regions like Moravia.

Tip: If you're in Prague, some open-air museums like Lidová Vesnice host re-enactments of this ancient celebration with folk songs and storytelling.

2. Easter (Velikonoce)

When: Celebrated in late March or early April (March 29–April 1 in 2025).

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