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Oznámení přestupku - postoupení

Na základě skutečností uvedených v úředním záznamu strážníků OŘ MP Praha 1 Vám v souladu s ust. §10 odst. 2 a 3, zák. č. 553/1991 Sb. oznamujeme dle věcné a místní příslušnosti důvodné podezření ze spáchání přestupku.

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ÚŘEDNÍ ZÁZNAM

Dne 01.07.2025 ve 14:45 hod. hlídka Astra 10 ve složení str. 1111 Suchanová Ilona a str.1510 Jurásek Pavel, přijala oznámení, že na Staroměstském náměstí Praha 1, se nachází prodejci okružních jízd Prahou. Při příjezdu hlídky se na místě před galerií na Staroměstském náměstí č.12 nacházel muž v červené vestě, který stál na místě a oslovoval kolemjdoucí turisty s průhlednou obálkou v ruce, kde byla vidět mapa okruhů s letákem firmy Hop on Hop off. Hlídka na místě dotyčného vyzvala k prokázání totožnosti dle §12, odst. 2, písm. b) Zák.č.: 553/1991 Sb.. Muž předložil platný pas Egyptského státu – EGY č. [REDAKCE] Jednalo se o:

Hlídka Astra 10 vyzvala pana [REDAKCE] k vysvětlení celé události uvedl, že je student, který si zde přivydělává na studia a dle komisionářské smlouvy zde má jako kamelot nabízet tisk se vstupenkou na okružní jízdy Prahou. Tiskovina PRAGUE PANORAMA obsahuje leták Hop-on-Hop-Off, který slouží jako vstupenka na okružní jízdu Prahou v ceně 780 Kč.

Tím, že pan [REDAKCE] se při pohybu na veřejném prostranství, neprojevoval žádným hlasitým projevem ani snahou oslovovat kolemjdoucí za účelem prodeje tisku, žádnou takovou aktivitu neprojevoval a výhradně oslovoval cizince s tím, že poukazoval obálku s mapou nabídky okruhů firmy Hop on Hop off. Jelikož nedocházelo k prodeji tiskovin, pojala hlídka důvodné podezření z porušení nařízení a to § 7 a §1 nařízení hl.m.Prahy č.21/2021 Sb.

Pan [REDAKCE] svým jednáním, a to oslovování kolemjdoucích s nabídkou služby (okružní jízdy) , porušil **nařízení Hl. m. Prahy č. 21/2021 Sb. § 1, odst.11** a dopustil se přestupku dle **§ 4, odst. 1, Zák. č.: 251/2016 Sb.** Hlídka proto předává toto podezření z přestupku v souladu s ustanovením §10, odst.2 a 3 Zák. č.:553/1991 Sb. příslušnému správnímu orgánu, který je oprávněn ve věci rozhodnout.. Hlídka na místě pořídila v souladu s § 24b), odst.1, Zák. č.: 553/1991 Sb. fotodokumentaci. Přestupek byl spáchán úmyslně.

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Discover Prague's Historic Landmarks: Legends, Stories, and Tips for Summer 2025

Prague, the "City of a Hundred Spires," is a place where history peeks from every cobblestone.

Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning to rediscover its charms, summer is the perfect season to explore the city's most iconic landmarks. With long daylight hours, warm evenings, and a lively cultural scene, Prague becomes an open-air museum full of legends, mysteries, and unforgettable sights.

1. Prague Castle: Seat of Kings and Legends

Perched high above the city, Prague Castle is the largest ancient castle complex in the world. Once the seat of Bohemian kings and now the official residence of the Czech president, the castle offers stunning views, historic architecture, and the breathtaking St. Vitus Cathedral.

Legend: It is said that a vision of the future city came to Princess Libuše, a legendary founder of Prague, who foresaw that a great city would rise from this very spot.

Summer Tip 2025: Arrive early to avoid queues and catch the ceremonial changing of the guard at noon. Don't miss the peaceful Royal Garden, especially beautiful in June.

2. Charles Bridge: Art, History, and Wishes

This 14th-century Gothic bridge is lined with 30 baroque statues and bustles with artists, musicians, and tourists year-round. Built by Emperor Charles IV, it connects the Old Town with the Lesser Town.

Legend: Touch the statue of St. John of Nepomuk for good luck and to ensure you return to Prague someday.

Summer Tip 2025: Visit at sunrise or after sunset for fewer crowds and the most magical views of the city's skyline.

3. Old Town Square: Time, Faith, and Revolt

The heart of Prague, Old Town Square, is surrounded by colorful facades, churches, and the famous Astronomical Clock, which delights spectators with its hourly show.

Story: The clock was created in 1410 and is the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world and still working! Legend says the city blinded its creator so he could never replicate it.

Summer Tip 2025: Watch the clock show from the eastern side of the square, then climb the Old Town Hall Tower for a panoramic view of the red rooftops.

4. Vyšehrad: The Forgotten Fortress

Less visited but full of charm, Vyšehrad

is a historic fort above the Vltava River, offering a peaceful break from the tourist crowds. It's the resting place of Czech national heroes, including composer Dvořák and writer Jan Neruda.

Legend: This was the mythical seat of Princess Libuše and the birthplace of Czech legends.

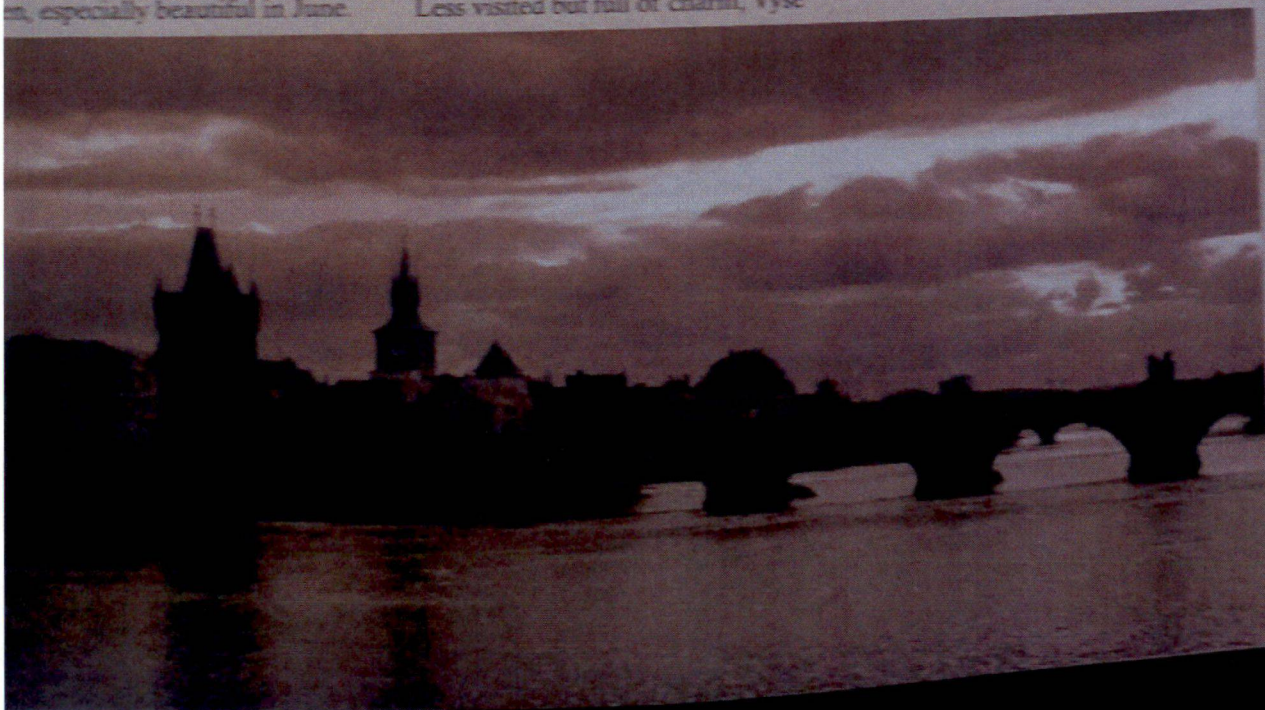
Summer Tip 2025: Bring a picnic and enjoy one of the best views of the river from the fortress walls. Look for open-air concerts held in the park in July and August.

5. The Jewish Quarter: Memory and Resilience

The Josefov district is home to Europe's oldest preserved synagogue and the haunting Old Jewish Cemetery. The area tells the story of Prague's once-thriving Jewish community and its tragic fate during WWII.

Story: The Old-New Synagogue is said to house the remains of the legendary Golem of Prague, a creature created by Rabbi Loew to protect the Jewish people.

Summer Tip 2025: Buy a combined ticket for the Jewish Museum sites and allow plenty of time to explore. Respect the quiet atmosphere, especially in the cemetery.



Hidden Gems of Prague: Off-the-Beaten-Path Spots for Summer 2025

Prague is world-famous for its majestic castle, Gothic spires, and charming Old Town, but the real magic often lies beyond the tourist hotspots. If you're looking to experience the city like a local or simply escape the crowds, explore these hidden gems during your summer 2025 stay. From quiet gardens to quirky museums, these secret corners of Prague promise authenticity, beauty, and unforgettable memories.

1. Vrtba Garden: A Baroque Masterpiece in Plain Sight

Tucked away on the slopes of Petřín Hill in the Lesser Town, Vrtba Garden is one of the most beautiful and lesser-known Baroque gardens in Europe. Perfectly symmetrical terraces, ornate staircases, and sweeping views of the city make it ideal for a peaceful summer afternoon.

Tip for Summer 2025: Visit in the morning for perfect lighting and serenity. The garden often hosts classical music concerts in the evening; check local listings.

2. Nový Svět (New World): A Village in the City

Just steps from Prague Castle, the cobbled streets of Nový Svět feel like a small countryside village frozen in time. With its colorful houses and absence of tourist crowds, this quiet neighborhood is perfect for wandering and relaxing.

Don't miss: Café Nový Svět, a charming local spot for coffee or lemonade in a secret courtyard.

3. Emmaus Monastery and the Faust House

While most visitors head to Charles Square for transit, few notice the nearby Emmaus Monastery, a peaceful site with unique art and architecture. Just down the street is the mysterious Faust House, tied to dark legends and alchemy.

Legend: According to local tales, Dr. Faust made a pact with the devil here and vanished through the ceiling!

4. Invalidovna: Forgotten Grandeur in Karlín

Located in the up-and-coming district of Karlín, Invalidovna is a monumental Baroque building once used as a residence for war veterans. Though still under partial restoration, its grounds and hauntingly beautiful facade are ideal for urban explorers and photographers.

Summer 2025 Note: Occasional tours are offered; check with cultural centers or the Prague 2 website.

5. Bohnice Cemetery and Abandoned Church

For those with a taste for the unusual, head north to Bohnice, where an abandoned church and psychiatric hospital cemetery offer a glimpse into Prague's forgotten past. It's eerie, atmospheric, and rich in urban legends. Travel tip: Go with a local guide or organized group; it's easier to get in and much more meaningful in context.

6. Štvanice Island: Urban Escape by the River

Hidden between the bridges of Holešovice and Karlín, Štvanice Island is an underrated green escape. Once used for ice skating and tennis, it's now a quiet oasis for cyclists, picnickers, and nature lovers.

Summer Bonus: Grab a drink at the island's riverside café and watch the sun set behind Prague's skyline.

7. Street Art in Holešovice and Žižkov

Want a different side of Prague? Explore the industrial art spaces of Holešovice



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...galleries give the city a youthful
 ...Vintřoblock (Holešovice)
 ...the Žitkov TV Tower with its surre-
 ...climbing babies by David Černý.



Cultural and Social High- lights in Prague – June, July, August 2025

Summer in Prague is more than just
 beautiful weather and scenic views. It's a
 vibrant season filled with festivals,
 concerts, exhibitions, and open-air
 performances. The city comes alive in
 warmer months, offering
 something for every taste, from classi-
 c music under the stars to modern art
 installations and local folklore tradi-
 tions. Here's your guide to the top cultu-
 ral and social events happening in
 the city during June, July, and August

JUNE 2025: FESTIVALS, FILM & CULTURE

Prague Fringe Festival

June 10 – June 17

Prague theatre and performance
 inspired by Edinburgh's famous
 festival. Expect English-language
 plays, drama, and storytelling in
 various venues across Malá Strana.

Islands of Prague
 (dates to be confirmed)
 Popular multi-genre music festival
 along the city's river islands and
 embankments. Entry is free, and you'll
 hear everything from jazz to indie rock,
 food trucks, bars, and family

Early June
 For one night, Prague's top museums
 and galleries stay open late and offer
 free admission, special guided tours,
 and creative workshops for all ages.

JULY 2025: MUSIC, CELEBRATION & HISTORY

Bohemia Jazz Fest
 Throughout July
 A free open-air jazz festival held in
 major Czech cities including a beauti-
 ful stage on Prague's Old Town Square.
 World-class jazz artists perform under
 the summer sky.

Jan Hus Day & Cyril and Methodius
 Day (July 5 & 6)

National holidays celebrated with
 historical reenactments, public ceremo-
 nies, and concerts in Prague's historic
 center. Visit Bethlehem Chapel and
 Velehrad-themed events to learn more
 about Czech history and spiritual herit-
 age.

Summer Shakespeare Festival at
 Prague Castle

Late July – August
 The stunning courtyard of Prague
 Castle hosts one of Europe's largest
 open-air Shakespeare festivals. Enjoy
 world-class Czech-language produc-
 tions (with English synopses available)
 in a majestic setting.

AUGUST 2025: ART, DANCE & SUMMER FAREWELL

Letná Letná Festival
 Mid-August to early September

A colorful festival of new circus, physi-
 cal theatre, and puppetry, perfect for
 families. International artists perform
 under tents in Letná Park with daily
 shows for children and adults alike.

Prague Pride
 Early August

The city's vibrant LGBTQ+ celebra-
 tion includes parades, concerts, debates,
 exhibitions, and community events
 across Prague. The Pride Parade on
 Saturday ends with a massive party on
 Letná Plain.

Street Food Festival – Smíchov
 Embankment
 Late August

Explore global flavors with dozens of
 food stalls offering everything from
 Vietnamese pho to Italian gelato, along
 with live music and family activities by
 the river.

Jan Hus: The Czech Reformer Who Died for Truth

Every year on July 6, the Czech
 Republic honors Jan Hus Day, a
 national holiday that commemorates
 one of the most important fig-
 ures in Czech history. Jan Hus, a
 priest, philosopher, and reformer
 who gave his life in the name of
 truth, justice, and religious reform.
Who Was Jan Hus?

Jan Hus was born around 1370 in
 the town of Husinec in northern
 Bohemia. He became a Catholic
 priest and a respected scholar at
 Charles University in Prague,
 where he later served as rector.
 Inspired by the writings of English
 reformer John Wycliffe, Hus began
 to criticize corruption in the
 Catholic Church, especially the
 sale of indulgences and the moral
 failings of the clergy.

Hus preached in Czech, not Latin,
 and promoted the idea that the
 Bible not the Pope should be the
 highest authority in matters of
 faith. He also called for church
 services in the local language,
 which made him very popular
 among ordinary people.

Why Do We Celebrate Him?

Jan Hus's reformist ideas angered
 church authorities. He was encon-
 municated and summoned to the
 Council of Constance in 1415
 under the promise of safe conduct.
 However, after refusing to renoun-
 ce his beliefs, he was declared a
 heretic and burned at the stake on
 July 6, 1415.

His execution caused outrage in
 Bohemia and sparked the Hussite
 Wars, a series of religious and
 social conflicts that would shape
 Czech history for generations.
 Today, Hus is remembered as a
 symbol of moral integrity, national
 pride, and the struggle for truth
 and justice.

How Is Jan Hus Day Observed?

Jan Hus Day is a public holiday in
 the Czech Republic. While it is not
 a religious celebration, it is a time
 to reflect on Czech history, nation-
 al identity, and the values Hus
 stood for.

**Typical ways the day is com-
 memorated include:**

- Memorial services and public speeches, particularly at Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, where Hus used to preach.
- Cultural events, exhibitions, and lectures focusing on Czech history, education, and freedom of thought.
- Visits to historical sites associated with Jan Hus, such as his birthplace in Husinec or the Jan Hus Memorial on Old Town Square in Prague.

Pokyny pro prodejce novin (kameloty)
HelpMi z. s. – Pravidla pro distribuci na ulici
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- ✓ **Co MŮŽETE dělat (bez povolení):**
 - ✓ Chodit s novinami a prodávat je při pohybu
 - ✓ Krátce se zastavit a nabídnout noviny, poté pokračovat v chůzi
 - ✓ Nosit noviny v ruce, tašce nebo malé složce
 - ✓ Zdvořile oslovovat lidi bez blokování chodníku

Guidelines for Newspaper Vendors (Kamelots)
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- ✓ **What You CAN Do (No Permit Needed):**
 - ✓ Walk around with newspapers and **sell while moving**
 - ✓ **Briefly stop** to offer a newspaper, then continue walking
 - ✓ Carry newspapers in your hand, bag, or small folder
 - ✓ Politely approach people without blocking the sidewalk

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Prodej tisku prostřednictvím kamelotů je v Praze vyňat z působnosti tržního řádu. To znamená, že kameloti mohou prodávat noviny na veřejných prostranstvích bez zvláštního povolení, pokud dodržují následující podmínky:

1. **Nezabírají veřejné prostranství:** Kameloti by měli být neustále v pohybu a neměli by na jednom místě setrvávat delší dobu. Pokud by používali stánek, stolek nebo jiný pevný prvek, mohlo by to být považováno za zábor veřejného prostranství, který vyžaduje povolení.
2. **Dodržují veřejný pořádek:** Prodej by neměl narušovat plynulost pěšího provozu, blokovat vstupy do budov nebo jinak omezovat veřejný prostor.
3. **Respektují místní vyhlášky:** I když tržní řád prodej tisku kameloty neomezuje, mohou existovat jiné místní vyhlášky nebo nařízení, která upravují prodej na veřejných prostranstvích, zejména v historickém centru Prahy.

Je důležité mít na paměti, že i když tržní řád prodej tisku kameloty neomezuje, mohou existovat další pravidla nebo vyhlášky, které je třeba dodržovat. Doporučuji proto:

- **Mít u sebe identifikaci:** Pro případ kontroly je vhodné mít u sebe doklad totožnosti a případně doklad o zaměstnání či pověření k prodeji daného tisku.
- **Dodržovat obecná pravidla slušnosti a ohleduplnosti:** Aby nedocházelo k negativním reakcím ze strany veřejnosti nebo úřadů.

Prodej tisku prostřednictvím kamelotů je tedy v Praze obecně povolen, avšak je důležité dbát na dodržování výše uvedených pravidel a být informován o případných místních omezeních.

Právní základ:

Podle **Tržního řádu hlavního města Prahy**, konkrétně § 7 odst. 1, se toto nařízení **nevztahuje na prodej tisku prostřednictvím kamelotů.**

Co to znamená:

- **Prodej tisku kameloty není regulován Tržním řádem:** Kameloti mohou prodávat tiskoviny bez omezení stanovených tímto nařízením.
- **Pochůzkový prodej je obecně zakázán:** Podle § 8 odst. 1 Tržního řádu je pochůzkový prodej na území hlavního města Prahy zakázán, s výjimkou jeho provádění ve sportovních zařízeních, otevřených koupalištích, plovárnách a bazénech.

Rozdíl mezi pochůzkovým prodejem a prodejem tisku kameloty:

- **Pochůzkový prodej:** Obecně zahrnuje prodej zboží s použitím přenosného nebo neseného zařízení, jako jsou konstrukce, tyče, závěsné pulty, zavazadla, tašky apod., nebo přímo z ruky.
- **Prodej tisku kameloty:** Specifická forma prodeje, která je z působnosti Tržního řádu vyňata, což znamená, že na ni uvedená omezení nedopadají.

KOMISIONÁŘSKÁ SMLOUVA

uzavřená dle § 2455 a násl. zákona č. 89/2012 Sb., občanský zákoník (dále jen „občanský zákoník“)

1. Smluvní strany

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Komisionář:

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sídlo/bydliště:

IČO: 23228687

(dále jen „Komisionář“)

2. Předmět smlouvy

Komisionář se zavazuje, že bude pro Komitenta svým jménem a na jeho účet prodávat tištěné noviny vydávané Komitentem. Komitent se zavazuje zaplatit Komisionáři sjednanou provizi za každý prodaný výtisk.

3. Práva a povinnosti smluvních stran

3.1 Komitent předá Komisionáři k prodeji výtisky novin. Tyto výtisky zůstávají po celou dobu majetkem Komitenta, dokud nedojde k jejich prodeji koncovému zákazníkovi.

3.2 Komisionář je povinen:

- uchovávat svěřené výtisky s náležitou péčí,
- prodávat noviny za cenu určenou Komitentem,
- vést evidenci prodaných a neprodaných výtisků,
- pravidelně (nejméně 1× měsíčně) provádět vyúčtování a odevzdávat Komitentovi tržby z prodeje,
- vrátit neprodané výtisky dle pokynů Komitenta.

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3.3 Komitent je povinen:

- dodat Komisionáři noviny včas a ve sjednaném množství,
- uhradit Komisionáři sjednanou provizi za každý prodaný výtisk,
- poskytnout Komisionáři potřebné informace a materiály k podpoře prodeje.

4. Provize

Komisionář má nárok na provizi ve výši 20 % z ceny každého prodaného výtisku. Výše provize může být upravena dohodou smluvních stran.

5. Trvání smlouvy a ukončení

Tato smlouva se uzavírá na dobu neurčitou s výpovědní lhůtou 1 měsíc. Výpověď musí být učiněna písemně. Smlouvu lze rovněž ukončit dohodou nebo z důvodů stanovených zákonem.

6. Závěrečná ustanovení

6.1 Tato smlouva nabývá účinnosti dnem jejího podpisu oběma stranami.

6.2 Smluvní strany prohlašují, že si tuto smlouvu přečetly, rozumí jejímu obsahu a na důkaz souhlasu ji podepisují.

6.3 Tato smlouva je vyhotovena ve dvou stejnopisech, z nichž každá smluvní strana obdrží jeden.

V Praze dne 1. 7. 2025

Za Komitenta:

Za Komisionáře:

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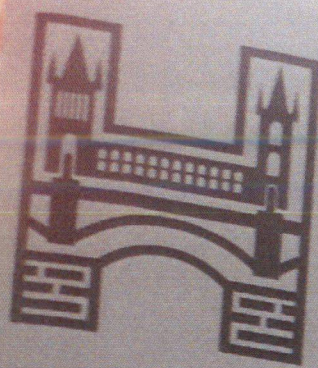
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Welcome to Summer Prague!

Summer in Prague is nothing short of a fairytale. As the sun bathes the cobbled streets of the Old Town and the Vltava River reflects golden light on its domes, the city comes alive with beauty and a vibrant atmosphere. We're delighted that you're holding Prague Panorama, a guide to the very best that the city has to offer during the summer months.

In the Czech Republic, there are two important summer holidays: St. Cyril and Methodius Day (July 5) and Jan Hus Day (July 6). These dates mark key moments in Czech history and are celebrated with public events, parades, and ceremonies.

Although August brings no official holidays, it certainly doesn't lack excitement. The city is buzzing with open-air festivals, concerts, street food markets, summer theatre, and a lively nightlife. Sunny days are perfect for picnics in the park, boat rides on the Vltava, or discovering hidden cafés with stunning views.

In this issue, you'll find tips on how to enjoy Prague like a local whether you're looking for history, culture, relaxation, or simply unforgettable scenery.

Make the most of your summer in the heart of Europe, in the heart of Prague.

Wishing you a wonderful stay, the
Prague Panorama editorial team

Traditional Czech Holidays and Celebrations in Summer: June, July and August

The Czech Republic may be small in size, but it is rich in history, traditions, and cultural heritage especially during the summer months. From public holidays to folklore festivals, the country offers visitors many chances to experience its authentic spirit. Here's a guide to the key summer holidays and how Czechs celebrate them.

June: The Beginning of Summer and Local Festivities

Although June does not feature any national public holidays in the Czech calendar, it marks the beginning of summer and the season of festivals, outdoor concerts, and historical reenactments. Cities and towns across the country host local celebrations:

- Wine and beer festivals, especially in South Moravia and Bohemia
 - Historical markets and medieval fairs in castle courtyards and old town squares
 - Children's Day on June 1, a popular event with fun activities in parks, zoos, and cultural centres
- Prague, too, starts to buzz with summer energy, offering open-air film screenings, riverbank parties, and classical music concerts under the stars.

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July: National Pride and Historical Reflection

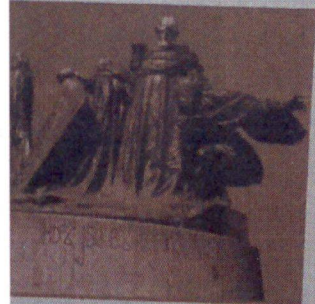
brings two official public holidays that reflect important moments in Czech history.

July 5 – St. Cyril and Methodius

This holiday honors two Byzantine brothers who brought Christianity and literacy to the Slavic people in the 9th century. It is especially important in the Czech Republic, where their legacy is celebrated through church services, processions, and events.

July 6 – Jan Hus Day

This day commemorates the Czech religious reformer Jan Hus, who was executed at the stake in 1415 for his beliefs. It symbolizes the Czech quest for truth and justice. Memorial events take place across the country.



Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, his birthplace.

These holidays have religious and historical significance, but they are also seen as an opportunity for long weekends, family time, and summer getaways.

Culture, Festivals, and Summer

Official state holidays, but it's also a time for cultural events:

Traditional and folklore festivals such as the Folklore Days, Letní Letná, and the Circus and Theatre Festival in Ostrava, one of the largest music festivals.

Traditional fairs and harvest festivals (known as dožínky) in small towns, where visitors enjoy traditional food, costumes, and music.

The Ceslářský Týden (Winemaking Week) often begins in late June, celebrating Czech winemaking.

Saints Cyril and Methodius: The Apostles of the Slavs

Every year on July 5, the Czech Republic celebrates St. Cyril and Methodius Day, a national holiday that honors two brothers who played a crucial role in the cultural and spiritual development of the Slavic peoples. Known as the "Apostles of the Slavs," Cyril and Methodius are celebrated not only in the Czech Republic, but across much of Central and Eastern Europe.

Who Were Cyril and Methodius?

Cyril (originally named Constantine) and Methodius were Byzantine brothers from Thessaloniki (modern-day Greece), born in the 9th century. In 863, they were sent by the Byzantine Emperor and the Patriarch of Constantinople to Great Moravia, an early Slavic state that included parts of today's Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Austria.

Their mission? To spread Christianity among the Slavic people in a way they could understand.

Their Legacy: Language, Culture, and Faith

One of their most important contributions was creating the Glagolitic alphabet, the first written script for the Slavic language. This allowed them to translate the Bible and liturgical texts into the local language, making Christianity accessible to the people.

Later, their work inspired the development of the Cyrillic alphabet (named

after Cyril), which is still used today in many Slavic countries, such as Russia, Bulgaria, and Serbia.

Cyril and Methodius also defended the right of Slavs to use their own language in church services, which was a revolutionary idea at the time, when Latin, Greek, and Hebrew were the only accepted liturgical languages.

Why Are They Celebrated in the Czech Republic?

Their arrival in Great Moravia is considered a milestone in Czech and Slovak history. They brought not just religion, but also literacy, education, and a sense of national identity. For this reason, they are viewed as cultural heroes and saints. Their influence reached far beyond their lifetimes, laying the foundation for Slavic Christian traditions and shaping the region's spiritual and intellectual history.

How Is the Holiday Observed?

On July 5, the holiday is marked with:

- Pilgrimages and religious services, especially at Velehrad, the spiritual center of Moravia and one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the country.
- Cultural events, concerts, and festivals celebrating Slavic heritage and Christian history.
- Family outings and leisure activities, as the date often falls in the middle of summer holidays.



Discover Prague

Prague, the "City of a Hundred Spires," is a place where history whispers from every cobblestone.

Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning to rediscover its charm, summer is the perfect time to explore the city's most iconic landmarks. With long daylight hours, warm evenings, and a lively atmosphere, Prague becomes an open-air museum full of legends, myths, and unforgettable sights.

1. Prague Castle: Seat of Kings and Legends

Towering above the city, Prague Castle is the largest ancient royal complex in the world. Once the residence of the Bohemian kings and now the official residence of the Czech president, the castle offers stunning views of the city, and the breathtaking St. Vitus Cathedral.

Legend: It is said that a virgin who came to Princess Libuše, the mythical founder of Prague, prophesied that a great city would rise from this very spot.

Summer Tip 2025: Arrive early to avoid queues and catch the magical changing of the guard. Don't miss the peaceful Garden of St. Sava, especially beautiful in the evening.

