

# Soft landing in Prague

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## Reaching the city center from the airport

From airport, the city center can be reached rapidly by public transport. In the evening, this travel is manageable if you reach the arrival hall before 23:00. Follow these steps:


1. Get **Czech money**.

You will need Czech Crowns (Kč = CZK, “Koruna” in Czech). The current exchange rate is **1 € = 25.4 Kč**. It is recommended to get Koruna by withdrawing money in an **ATM**. At the airport, the ATM’s are located

- on your right after entering the arrival hall, if you are on **Terminal 2** (flights from Schengen countries)
- on your left after entering the arrival hall, if you are on **Terminal 1** (flights from non-Schengen countries, like Australia, Bulgaria, Ireland, Israel, Romania, Russia, UK, USA).

The other possibility is to get Czech money in an **exchange office**, but **be cautions** (p. 5).

2. Buy a **ticket** for public transport.

You will need a standard ticket, which costs **32 Kč**. It can be bought at an information desk of Prague transportation system in the arrival hall (look for a red desk with a logo shown here → ;  this office closes at 21:00). A ticket can be bought also from the bus driver. Then it costs **40 Kč**; the bus driver usually does not speak English and might not have change. The ticket must be stamped in a machine inside the bus, and it is then valid for 90 min.

3. At the airport, take **bus no. 119**, and go to its final stop **Dejvická**.

A map of airport neighborhood with indicated bus stops is on p. 6. Do not forget to stamp the ticket (inside the bus). The travel will take 25 to 35 min, depending on traffic conditions.

4. At Dejvická, change for **subway**, and go to the station **Můstek**.

Entrance to the subway is 10 m from the bus stop. The ticket, which was used for the bus, is valid also for the subway (do not stamp it again). Dejvická is the final stop of the subway, so you do not need to think about the direction. Můstek is 4<sup>th</sup> station, the travel takes about 7 min.

5. You are in the downtown. You should be able to reach your hotel by foot.

The subway station Můstek has two exits, denoted **Václavské náměstí** (leave the platform in direction of the train, by which you arrived from the airport), and **Můstek** (opposite direction). You can also change for other subway line (B); a third exit, **Jungmannovo náměstí**, can be reached from the platform of line B. See p. 7 for a map.

## How to reach recommended hotels

It is assumed you are in the subway station [Můstek](#).



### *Hotel Juliš*

Václavské nám. 22, 110 00 Praha 1

50°4'57.85"N, 14°25'29.786"E

**On foot:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Václavské náměstí](#). Go downhill. Hotel will be on the left side. The entrance is somewhat hidden (in a passage you will reach a lift, which will bring you to the reception on the third floor of the building). Distance is 100 m.



### *Hotel Mánes*

Myslíkova 20, 110 00 Praha 1

50°4'39.802"N, 14°25'1.823"E

**On foot:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Václavské náměstí](#). Follow tram line (streets [Vodičkova](#), right to [Lazarská](#), left then right to [Myslíkova](#)). Hotel is then on your left. Distance is 900 m.

**By tram:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Václavské náměstí](#). Take tram no. 14 and go to stop [Myslíkova](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> stop). Alternatively, you can go by trams 3 or 24 to stop [Karlovo náměstí](#).



### *Hotel Crystal Palace*

Malá Štěpánská 17, 120 00 Praha 2

50°4'35.31"N, 14°25'23.98"E

**On foot:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Václavské náměstí](#). Go uphill and take the first street to the right ([Štěpánská](#)) until you cross a larger street ([Žitná](#)). Then take the first street to the right ([Malá Štěpánská](#)). The hotel is on your right. The distance is 800 m.

**By subway:** In [station Můstek](#), change to line B (go downstairs and follow yellow signs). Take train to [Karlovo náměstí](#) (direction [Zličín](#)). Leave the station by exit, which is toward rear of the train, by which you arrived. Cross the park and go through a passage, which is nearby a pharmacy. You arrive to street [Malá Štěpánská](#) and the hotel is then on the left. Walking distance is 350 m.



### ***Embassy Prague Hotel***

Petrská 31, 110 00 Praha 1  
50°5'30.674"N, 14°26'8.121"E

**On foot:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Můstek](#). Follow street [Na Příkopě](#). Behind a shopping mall ([Palladium](#)), turn right and follow [Truhlářská](#), then [Petrská](#) street. Hotel is on your left. Distance is 1 300 m.

**By tram:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Václavské náměstí](#). Take tram no. 3 or 14 and go to the stop [Bílá labuť](#). Then walk (300 m) via [Biskupská](#) and [Petrská](#) streets. The hotels is on your left.

**By subway:** In [subway Můstek](#), change to line B (go downstairs). Take train to [Náměstí Republiky](#) (direction [Černý Most](#)). Leave the platform by exit, which is in direction of the train, by which you arrived. Then walk (550 m) via [Havlíčkova](#), [Zlatnická](#) and [Petrská](#) streets. The hotels is on your left.

## How to reach workshop site

It is assumed you are in the subway station [Můstek](#).



### ***Building of Academy of Sciences***

Národní 3, 110 00 Praha 1  
50°4'53.551"N, 14°24'51.253"E

**On foot:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Můstek](#). Follow street [28. října](#), then [Národní](#). The building is on the right, facing a unusual glass theatre house. Distance is 700 m.

**By tram:** In [subway Můstek](#), take [exit Václavské náměstí](#). Take tram no. 9 and go to stop [Národní](#) (4<sup>th</sup> stop). The stop is in front of the building.

## Join the guided city tour



### ***Meeting point:***

Jungmanovo náměstí, in front of statue  
50°4'58.771"N, 14°25'20.403"E

**On foot:** Distance is 400 m (from hotel Juliš), 850 m (Mánes), 1000 m (Crystal Palace), 1 500 m (Embassy Prague Hotel).

**By subway:** This makes sense from Embassy Prague Hotel and Crystal Palace. Go to station [Můstek](#). Leave the station by [exit Jungmanovo náměstí](#) (in direction of the train, if you come from Embassy Suite Hotel; rear the train, if you come from Crystal Palace). Look for the statue and you are directly at the meeting point.

The meeting is on 16:30 (Wednesday 20 March) and 9:30 (Saturday 23 March).

## Join the dinner



### *Brewery U Medvídků*

Na Perštýně 7, 110 00 Praha 1

50°4'58.667"N, 14°25'7.320"E

**On foot** (from the workshop site): Follow [Národní](#) in direction from the river. When you approach the shopping mall [My/Tesco](#), look for a passage [Metro](#). Entrance to the brewery is from this passage. Distance is 400 m.

The dinner is on Thursday 21 March, at 20:00. COST participants are invited by host (Institute of Chemical Process Fundamentals, Prague). Price for accompanying person is 25 €.



### *Novoměstský pivovar*

Vodičkova 20, 110 00 Praha 1

N 50°4.77467', E 14°25.37998'

**Dinner in this brewery is organized for participants of Joint Meeting of MP1004, MP1103 and MP1106 only!**

**On foot** (from the workshop site): Follow tram line in direction from the river (street [Národní](#)). Turn right close to [My/Tesco](#), still following tram line (street [Spálená](#)), and then left ([Lazarská](#)). At the end, go slightly to the left and you are there. Distance is 980 m.

The dinner is on Wednesday 20 March, at 20:00. **This dinner is not offered - each participants will pay his own bill.**

## Other ways to go to the city center from the airport

### a) Airport Express bus line.

This line is more advantageous than bus 119 only if you wish to reach the railway station. Standard tickets (32 Kč or 40 Kč) are **not** valid in this bus line.

### b) Taxi.

The recommended company is AAA Taxi. This company has an information desk in the arrival hall (look for yellow color). Ask them immediately for a discount card. The price for going to the center is about 560 Kč (22 €). **Taxi is reimbursed by COST only if your planes arrives after 22:00, or leaves before 7:00, and has to be proved by your plane ticket.**




### c) Private shuttles.

Comfortable and fast, but the price (22 to 30 €) is not better than a standard taxi.

### d) Transport organized by your hotel.

Recommended hotels propose transport from/to the airport, but this option costs 690 Kč (27 €).

## Precautions

Tourists in Prague reported some problems and frauds when changing money in exchange offices. 

These problems included

- misleading indications of exchange rates (good rate indicated at a panel, but it is subject to specific conditions, which are announced by tiny letters elsewhere and which are rarely met),
- misleading information about charges (e.g. “no fee” indicated on the office, but this is subject to specific conditions, which are announced by tiny letters),
- reception of other currency (e.g., Belorussian currency instead of Koruna).

The good practice for avoiding most problems is to ask first about the amount of money, which you will receive for the given amount after subtracting all charges. The reasonable “effective” exchange rate is above 23 Kč/€. After receiving Koruna, take time to examine the money you received.

It is recommended to withdraw money from an ATM.

Beware of pick-pocketing, especially in these places:

- in crowd of tourists in front of astronomic clock at the Oldtown Square,
- on the Charles Bridge,
- in tram no. 22, joining historic parts of the city with the Prague Castle.



Prague is quite safe city in general, however.

## Airport: Where is the stop of bus no. 119?



Attention: There are four stops of bus no. 119, two at each terminal. One is for people coming from the city to the airport, the other is for people traveling to the city. If the bus behaves strangely, you are at the incorrect bus stop.

# Downtown

