

SURVIVAL GUIDE

ESN CZU PRAGUE

Hi! My name is Llamacorn, I am an official mascot of ESN CZU Prague. I will try to make sure your exchange is as smooth as possible with all provided information.

Enjoy!



Foreword

Dear students, this document was created for you to help you prior to your arrival to Prague as well as during your first days in the new city. We truly hope that you will find it useful. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your buddies or any member of our student organization ESN CZU Prague. You will find contact information at the end of this document. Enjoy and good luck! :)

Who is a buddy?

Buddy is a volunteer who takes care of international students during their first days in Prague. This does not necessarily mean that after a few days you settle down, you will never hear from them again. Often a buddy relationship is a lifetime friendship. The main responsibility of a Buddy is however to be here for you during your first days after arrival. This means picking you up at the airport, giving advice, helping you to get to the dormitory and providing basic orientation around.

How to request a buddy?

1. First you need to register yourself on the website here: my.esnczu.cz and create your own profile. You can personalise your profile, put your hobbies, interests, and a short info and then wait to be picked by one of the buddies.
2. You should receive an email from the buddy shortly after you being picked.

The arrival day

On your arrival day, your buddy will most probably pick you up at the airport/train station and will escort you to your accommodation.

The easiest way to get to the city centre would be taking Uber or Bolt (local taxi services similar to Uber). If you want to go by public transport and save some money, you need to catch bus number 119 going to Nadrazi Veleslavin which is a metro stop on the green line. The ticket options are: 24 CZK for a 30 minutes ticket or 32 CZK for 90 minutes one. You can find the metro map in the respective chapter with all detailed information.

Accommodation options

1. **CZU West dormitories** - normally for students from the EU, it is more like a hotel than normal dormitories. The price is slightly higher than in CZU dormitories on campus but the deposit is much higher. It takes around 1 hour by public transport to the campus.
2. **CZU campus dormitories** - students usually stay at JIH or EFG dormitories. You should receive all the information in advance by email from The International Relations Office. If your student arrives early during the workday, he can immediately sign his accommodation contract with dormitory manager (Mrs. Kůrková JIH / Mr. Řeřábek EFG). In case you arrive during the evening or weekend you have to sign their contract next workday. Once the contract is signed, you can go to the LIB building (formerly known as SIC building) to pay the monthly rent (payments in cash and by card are both accepted). The deposit is 7 000 CZK.
3. **Your own place** - usually via Airbnb or Facebook groups (Prague flat share)

Useful links:

[FB Prague shared living](#)

[Flatshare in Prague FB](#)

[ERASMUS PRAGUE ACCOMMODATION Facebook group](#)

How to get to CZU campus:

The basic reference point for making your way to the CZU campus is the Dejvická A metro station. After you make your way to the Dejvická station via any of the methods specified below, take bus number 107 (heading to Suchdol) or 147 (heading to Výhledy) and go to the "Zemědělská Univerzita" stop. Here you will find the entrance gate to CZU.

➤ Travelling by train

Most passengers coming to Prague via train will arrive at one of Prague's two large central stations: The Main Train Station - Hlavní nádraží, or the Holešovice station. Both stations are on metro C-line (red). The Main Train Station is usually the terminal station for trains arriving from the west or from the east (Paris, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Zurich, Warsaw, Moscow), and the Holešovice station for trains from other directions (Berlin, Dresden, Vienna, Budapest, Zagreb). To get to the Dejvická station, first, take the

C-line (red) metro to the Muzeum station and then transfer to the A-Line (green) and make your way to the Dejvická station.

➤ **Travelling by long-distance bus**

Passengers travelling via long-distance bus from any direction, country or part of the Czech Republic will arrive at the Florenc bus station, which is right next to the Florenc metro where two metro lines intersect (B = yellow and C = red).

It is a very short trip to the Dejvická station via the metro B-line first to the Můstek station, where you will transfer to A-line (green), and from there you will make your way to the Dejvická station. The Prague Metro has three lines: A (green), B (yellow) and C (red). In order to get to our university, you will need to get on A-line (green) and make your way to the Dejvická station. From here, using the same ticket you purchased or the metro, get on bus 107 (heading to Suchdol) or 147 (heading to Výhledy). Both stop at Zemědělská Univerzita. The bus ride takes about 12 minutes.

➤ **Travelling by plane**

The Václav Havel Airport is located 15 km west of the city centre. You can make your way to our university from the airport via public transport or taxi.

A public transport ticket costs 32 CZK (40 CZK if you purchase it from the driver), and the tickets are valid for transfers to all public transport in Prague (buses, trams, metro, some trains in Prague and the cable car to Petřín) for 90 minutes (see details on the ticket). From the Václav Havel Airport, take bus 119, which will take you to the Metro A Veleslavín station. From the Veleslavín station, take the metro two stations towards Skalka/Depo Hostivař all the way to the Metro A Dejvická station.

If you are travelling in a larger group and you decide to go by taxi, ask about the price before you get in and insist that the driver drives to Suchdol via Horoměřice (it should cost about 350 CZK), instead of going twice as far via Dejvice (700 CZK). Refuse any taxi that wants to go via Dejvice. It is also recommended to use one of the taxi-apps operating in Prague: Uber, Bolt, Taxify, Liftago.

➤ **Address:**



Czech University of Life Sciences Prague - Kamýcká 129

165 00 Prague - Suchbát - Czech Republic

ISIC Card

- **General information about ISIC card:**

All of the students at CZU can apply for their own university card. This card is valid through your whole study and serves as your ID card, student status receipt, allows entrance in the university buildings and evidence of attendance at certain lectures.

- **Prices: 280 kc (including 1 year license)**

ID card for full-time students at CZU with one year licence. The licence allows student to take advantage of various **discounts** and can serve as a student certificate in public transportation around Prague. The licence needs to be renewed annually if you want to use the discounts. However the card itself serves as CZU ID card even without the license.

- **Procedure for issuing cards:**

Check personal data in the University information system. The card can be issued only if the personal details are complete including a passport picture (photo showing head and a part of shoulders, front face should be directed to the lens, one colour background) in format 3.5 x 4.5 cm. Format of the digital photo should be .jpg.

The card will be created immediately on the spot at Card centre. Students have to come personally.

Advise students to come for your card before the semester starts to avoid long queues.

After proving identity will create desired card for.

When collecting the card, students will sign the Certificate of having received a CZU ID Card and consent to the processing of personal data, respectively Contract / Application for the activation and use of the CZU Electronic Wallet. One copy of the protocol we save in the Card centre and one is for you. The UEP agreement is to be taken to the Cash desk.

To activate the card, students have to go to the Cash desk and pay the card fee. If you wish to use UEP and pay the deposit at the same time.

The card will be fully activated the next day after the payment. Please note that the payment/activation is a necessary step for the card to work.

- Where to pick up: LIB building (library, formerly known as SIC building)

Prague public transport

- Prague metro map



The metro consists of 3 branches – green (A), yellow (B) and red (C). They have 57 stations, 3 of which are interchanges (Florence, Museum and Mustek).

There are literally at every step information boards, city maps, metro schemes and signs, the color design of which allows you to find the right line. In addition, there are signs under the ceiling that allow you to understand which stops or which street you will get to if you use a specific exit.

- Fare ticket:



PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKETS (valid on Metro, trams & buses)	ADULT & STUDENT	SENIOR 70+ YRS (must carry a passport or ID)	CHILD 6-14 YRS (10yrs+ must carry a passport or ID)	CHILD 0-5 YRS
Ticket for 30 minutes travel	24 CZK	free	12 CZK	free
Ticket for 90 minutes travel	32 CZK	free	16 CZK	free
1-Day Pass (24 hours)	110 CZK	free	55 CZK	free
3-Day Pass (72 hours)	310 CZK	free	310 CZK	free

- **Litačka (season ticket):**
- **Where to make one:**

To get one you'll need to go to Škoda Palace Jungmannova 35/29, 110 00 Prague - Nové Město with a passport-sized photo. Or online if go to <https://karta.litacka.cz/new-application> then you can fill in the basic information and add a valid photo, but you'll still need to go to the office to collect it

- **How it works:**

You can simply use **Litačka** for all Prague public transport which includes: Metro, tram, bus, funicular, ferry

- **Price:**

Type of travel card	Adult	Child (15-18 years old)	Student (with a Student 19-26 card)	Senior citizen (60-65 years old, with a Senior 60-70 card)
30 days (monthly)	550	130	130	130
90 days (quarterly)	1480	360	360	360
150 days (for 5 months)	2450	2450	2450	-

365 days (annual)	3650	1280	1280	1280
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- Be careful with ticket inspector:



The ticket begins to act immediately after you pierce it in the validator.

- Checking passengers with controllers (selective or universal) can be carried out both at subway stations and at the exit to the city. The fine for the slightest violation of existing rules (travel without a ticket, expired ticket, lack of SMS with an electronic travel ticket, a non-validated ticket, etc.) is up to CZK 1,500. If paid on the spot or within 15 days from the day of delivery – 800 CZK.

- When checking, the controller must show the token – otherwise it can be considered invalid. All employees have special readers to identify electronic travel cards, so no one will be fooled here. Running away, refusing to pay a fine or presenting documents for his discharge is also meaningless – the police immediately come to the aid of the controllers.

Tips

Money exchange

If the students ask where the best place to exchange money with good exchange rates, there is a list of exchange offices you can suggest which offer the best currency exchange rates in Prague. Please, before exchange, check what the exchange rate is. In normal situation it is about 26 CZK = 1 EURO.

1. Alfa Prague.
2. Praha Exchange.
3. Eurochange, Ltd.

Where to buy groceries

There are so many big supermarkets in Prague where they have different prices. For example if they are looking for something cheap with a good quality and at the same time they have some international products suggest them to go to Lidl. And There is also another big supermarket for Czech products with reasonable prices there is Albert and Kaufland. And if they ask about big supermarkets with more options we have big Tesco in Novy Smichov. About arabic halal food there are a couple of markets around Prague which I suggest galaxy food in Dejvice with good prices. And there is also turkish shop which has one Anatolia Food Market in Na Porici. If they ask about Asian Products and korean stuff there is a K shop near Palladium mall.

Herewith I bring you a list of groceries
(from the cheapest to the most expensive
ones).

Lidl
Kaufland
Albert
Tesco
Billa



albert



Medical services + pharmacies

Medical Services:

- Hospitals:
 - Hospital na Homolce :

Widely considered to be the best hospital in Prague, equipped and staffed to Western standards, with staff who speak English, French, German and Spanish.

Address: Roentgenova 2/37, Prague 5 Czech Republic

- Polyclinic at Národní:

A central clinic with staff who speak English, German, French and Russian.

Address: Národní 9, 110 00 Staré Město

➤ **Motol University hospital:**

This hospital has one department dedicated just for foreigners. However, they do charge an emergency fee of 5000 CZK per visit.

Address: V Úvalu 84, 150 06 Praha 5

- **24-hour pharmacies:**
- **Na Františku Hospital emergency pharmacy:**

Easy to access in the city center. Located inside the hospital, on the ground floor of the main building. The entrance to the hospital is locked from the afternoon to 8:00 AM (need to ring bell between these hours).

Address: Videnska 800, Prague 4.

➤ **Thomayer Hospital of the University Hospital in Motol:**

Motol University is one of the workplaces of the largest Czech hospital. Open 24 hours a day.

Address: V úvalu 84, Prague 5.

➤ **BENU Pharmacy:**

“Benu lékárna” is accessible directly from the street, located on the ground floor of the Polyclinic of Prague 7. Open: 19:00 - 6:30 on Sunday and public holidays.

Address: Fr.Křížka 22, Prague 7.

➤ **Dr. Pharmacy Max Prague 6:**

This pharmacy is fully open from 8:00 to 20:00.

Address: Vítězné náměstí 997/13, Prague 6.

COVID-19 special

Before entering Czech Republic always check the latest info on your ministry of foreign affairs or by the government. Each country has different rules. Please find all important information on [this link](#) and also [this link](#).



[Erouska application link](#)

Price: varies around 1700 CZK to 2000 CZK (PCR method)

Results: usually within 24 hours

Basic rules:

- always book your appointment in advance - if possible!
- come to the appointment 10-15mins earlier
- cancel the appointment if you are not coming
- select the sampling point based on their capacity: you can find the list on the bottom of [this page](#)
- when entering the sampling point, get your personal documents ready - ID card, passport

Prague most popular sampling points:

[STAYNEGATIVE aiomica/PREVEDIG medical - Revoluční](#)

[GHC GENETICS Praha - Vítězné náměstí](#)

[GHC GENETICS Praha - Václavské náměstí](#)

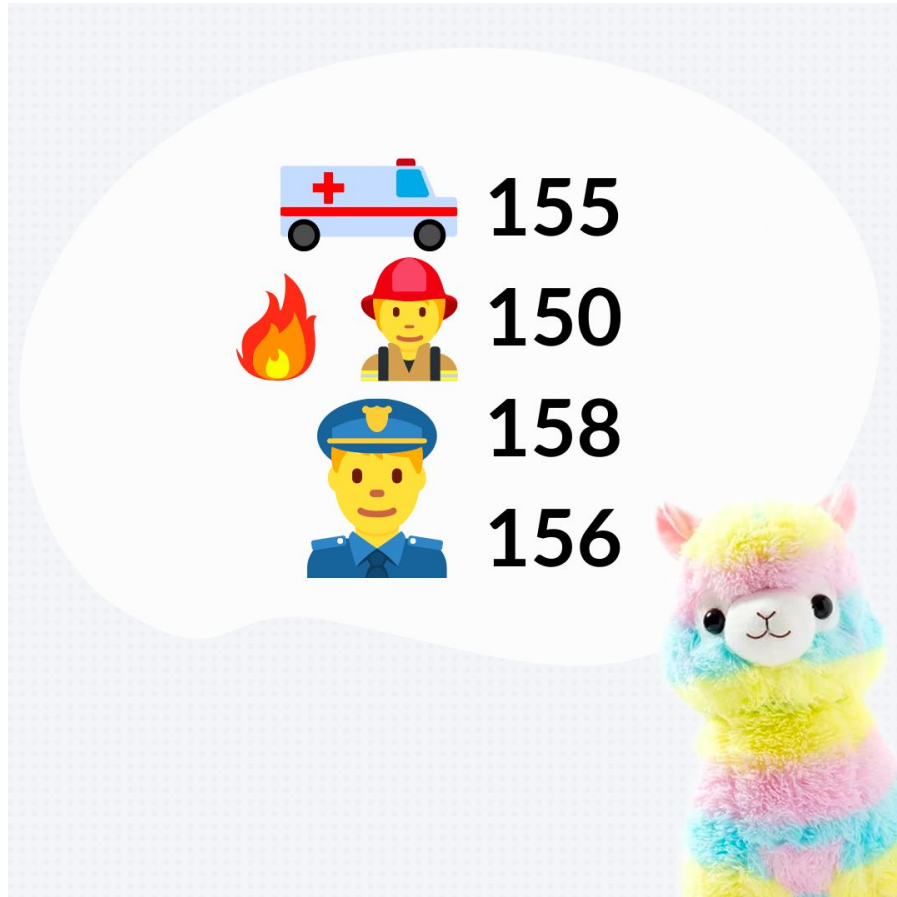
[Všeobecná fakultní nemocnice v Praze](#)

[Ústřední vojenská nemocnice](#)

[Městská poliklinika Praha - Spálená](#)

[GHC Praha - odběrové místo Letiště Václava Havla \(Prague airport\)](#)

Important contacts



Workout

1. You can use services in KTV where you can have sports class. More in this link: <https://www.ktv.czu.cz/cs/r-8922-foreign-students> show them university sport club which includes The offered sports for foreign which like football, volleyball, table tennis and the link it has all the information that you can provide them.
2. SwimmingPools: <https://www.pragueresidences.com/praguelocally/leisure-sports-in-prague/top-10-places-to-swim-in-prague/> swimming pools have different prices which will not be more then 120czk for Entrance fee and sometimes less you can show them the list of swimming pools which it has prices as well.
3. Running: <https://youtu.be/L09WISoluwA> (video in channel Honest Guide)

4. Gym with students Discount <https://www.formfactory>. The membership for the gym for one year Contract is the cheapest one they just pay 550czk per month or they have monthly which will be around 1500 including everything like swimming pool Sauna and classes.

Useful expat websites

1. Prague Expats [LINK HERE](#) - expat life tips in Prague
2. Prague Morning [LINK HERE](#) - news
3. Prague Today [LINK HERE](#) - news
4. Prague.eu [LINK HERE](#) - cultural tips, official tourist website
5. Prague city tourism [LINK HERE](#)
6. Honest guide [LINK HERE](#) - youtube channel you need to see - Prague tips, tricks, scams!

Basic navigation around CZU

The unique campus of CZU in Prague offers study, sports and relaxation facilities. Faculty teaching takes place only in the grounds of Suchdol (20 minutes from the center of Prague).

About the campus:

- Area: 44 hectares
- Number of faculties: 6
- The university's largest lecture hall: capacity of 400 students

About the faculty:

- The largest lecture hall of the faculty: capacity of 280 students
- Number of lecture halls at the faculty: 8
- Number of seminar rooms at the faculty: 43
- Number of study programmes at the faculty: 9

In addition to the individual faculties, you can find in the campus a complete sports facility(sport halls, swimming pool, football pitches, tennis courts and many more).

- CZU area:



Map of Czech University of Life Sciences campus

- **Faculty of Economics and Management:**



Outside PEF faculty

- **SIC building - library:**



Library at CZU

In CZU library everyone will find a place fitting their needs. Whether it is a space to study, relax and have fun or even simply rest.



- Faculty of Engineering:



Outside of the Faculty Engineering

- Faculty of Agrobiologie, food and natural resources



Outside of FAPPZ faculty



- **Faculty of Environmental Sciences:**



Outside of the faculty Environmental Sciences

- **Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences**



Outside of the faculty Forestry and Wood Sciences



- **Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences:**



Outside of Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences

- **Sport center area CZU:**

Sports center is an organization that provides a comprehensive program of physical education and sports activities for students, employees



Football field at CZU



- **Gym:**



- **Swimming pool at CZU:**



- Tennis court CZU



- Volleyball court at CZU:



- **Aula building:**



Graduation ceremony and other important events takes place here

- **Menza at CZU:**



Variety of dishes as well as Czech food provided here

Small tip: When you pay for your food by ISIC card, it will be much cheaper:)



Basic navigation around Prague

Prague may seem like an incomprehensible sprawl of winding streets, narrow alleyways and endless churches, but with a little know-how, it really is quite easy to navigate. The best way to get a feel for the city, unsurprisingly, is just to take a walk around the many different neighbourhoods. But if you don't have time for that, here are some simple facts to get you started. Prague is a simple city to get around, especially in the centre, which is relatively small.

- **Charles Bridge**

The famous Charles Bridge crosses the Vltava River in Prague. This is the most famous bridge in Czechia and perhaps also in the whole of Europe.



The nearest underground (subway) stations are: Malostranská on the left bank and Staroměstská on the right bank. They are both on the Line A of the Prague Metro. Or You can take the tram lines 2, 17, 18 and 93 to Karlovy lázně and walk from there to the bridge along the right bank of the Vltava.

- **Prague Castle**

There so many things to see: the castle, the cathedral, the armory, the typical houses



The access to Prague Castle complex is easy. There are several tram stops nearby (Královský letohrádek, Pražský hrad, Pohořelec) and also two metro stations (Malostranská, Hradčanská). The visitors use mostly tram No. 22 (stop called Pražský hrad) - option 1. Then they leave the Castle through the Old Castle Stairs to metro station Malostranská.

- **Old Town Square**

The town square is a great place to sit outside a pub and enjoy one of Prague's great beers while taking in the atmosphere of the city. Hall with its **Astronomical Clock** is situated on the south-west corner of the square.



Walking is the most common way to get around. or There are two metro stops in this area: most useful is Staroměstská (five minutes' walk from Old Town Square) and Můstek (where Wenceslas Square meets Old Town).

- **Wenceslas Square**

the square, during festivals and holidays, you will notice numerous stands. The stands offering food and drink are good for sampling local specialities, such as grilled sausages and spiced wines.



There are two transit stations connecting different metro lines. In the upper part of Wenceslas Square, there is the “Muzeum” metro station, connecting lines A and C, and at the other end of the boulevard, there is the “Můstek” metro station, where metro lines A and B meet. In the middle of the square, there are also tram stations.

- **The Jewish quarter**

is one of the most impressive places in the capital of the Czech Republic.

is located between the Vltava river (“Dvořákovo nábřeží”) and the Old Town Square. All the sites of the Jewish Museum are located in the area of the former “ghetto”, within comfortable walking distance of each other.



- **Vysehrad Castle**

The whole Vysehrad complex is huge and features many parks and narrow streets where you can easily escape from the tourist crowds.



you can go to the “Vysehrad” metro station, or “Albertov” or “Výtoň” tram station.



- **Prague Dancing House**

There are also a great number of modern places of interest. One of them is the Prague Dancing House, a highly original building resembling and also inspired by two dancers.



You can get there by tram; the “Jiraskovo namesti” station is right next to the building. If you prefer the metro, you can walk just a bit from the “Karlovo namesti” station.

- **Petrin Hill**

Petrin is a hill on the left bank of the Vltava River, it offers great views of the city and is one of the greenest spaces in Prague.





The best way to get to Petřín Hill is either by tram 9, 12, 15 or 22 (take it to the stop ÚJEZD), and then walk up the hill through the beautiful park.



- **Powder Tower**

The Powder Tower is basically a gate which separates Prague's New Town from the Old Town.



To get to the Powder Tower you can walk either from the “Náměstí republiky” metro station or take a slightly longer walk from Wenceslas Square, along the street “Na Příkopě” which is full of stores.

- **National Theater**

The theatre is one bridge along from Charles Bridge, on the Old Town and New Town side of the river.

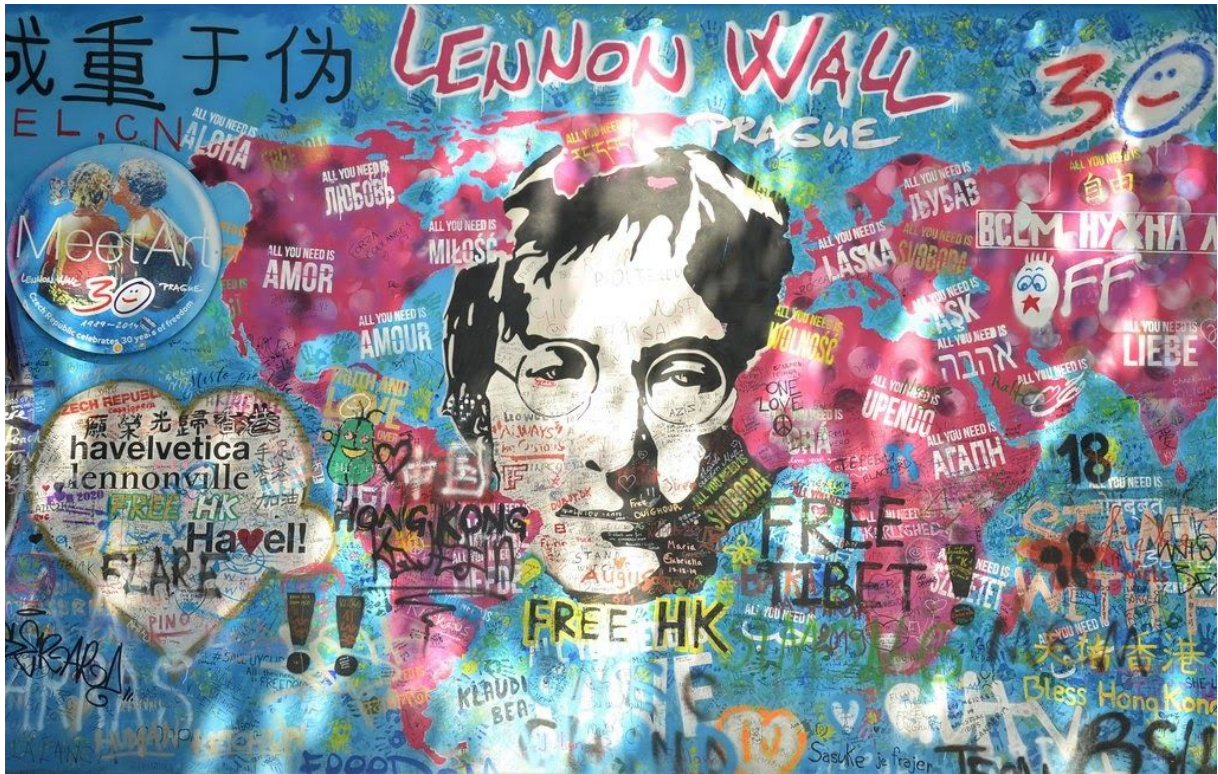




To the station “Národní třída”, line B (yellow), and then one stop by tram No. 2, 9, 18, 22 or 23 to the stop “Národní divadlo”. To the station “Staroměstská”, line A (green), and then two stops by tram No. 2, 17 or 18 to the stop “Národní”.

- **John Lennon Wall**

One of the things to see in Prague is the John Lennon Wall and the Lennon Pub which are near the St. Charles Bridge.



From metro station Malostranska (green line A) take trams no. 12, 20, 22, 23. The nearest tram stops to Velkoprevorske namesti are either Malostranske namesti or Hellichova.

We truly hope this document is at least a little helpful for you before or during your exchange here in Prague. Please, let us know, any feedback is appreciated. On behalf of ESN CZU Prague



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