

## TOP Events in the Czech Republic in 2015

**Czech Republic is a place where a lot of important and interesting events are happening in 2015. Accept our invitation and be part of an unforgettable sport event, game with lights or taste exceptional delicacies at the top restaurants in our beautiful Capital City of Prague.**



### **Plzeň 2015 – The European Capital of Culture**

Every year, The title European Capital of Culture is awarded to two cities from two EU member states with the aim of supporting European cultural cooperation. In the past, towns such as Cork, Graz, Salamanca, Liverpool, Vilnius, as well as the Slovak town of Košice in 2013 have all boasted the title. For 2015 it is the city of Plzeň, which proudly bears the title.

Over the year, Plzeň 2015 will provide over 50 large cultural events in the public space and over 600 other events. The events will be taking place in all parts of the city: in cultural institutions as well as in public space. In most of these, the Plzeň 2015 project cooperates with local, national and foreign organizers, institutions and partners. In terms of genre, the programme will be ranging from theatre, music, exhibition, architecture, dance, performances, art installations in the public space and community events to education projects and meetings.

The transformation of Plzeň into the Czech cultural capital has begun in autumn 2014 when the West Bohemian capital became home to Manège Carré Senart – a magical circus of Francois Delarozière, a visual artist of the theatre society Royal de Luxe from Nantes, for which he created a series of giant puppets that walk around city streets. Plzeň was only the ninth city in the world where this performance appeared.

**Date:** 17. 01. – 31. 12. 2015

**Venue:** Plzeň

**More information:** <http://www.czechtourism.com/n/plzen-2015/>

## **Ice Hockey World Championship in 2015**

The Ice Hockey World Championships will be hosted in 2015 by Prague, the hundred-spired city in the heart of Europe and Silesian Ostrava, a city with a rich mining history.

The biggest sporting event in the history of the Czech Republic will be watched by 950 million viewers through TV screens, the TV picture will go to more than 150 countries. Official incoming partner is the company SIVEK HOTELS. Viliam Sivek - SIVEK HOTELS is a Czech hotel, event and gastronomic company with a long tradition in the field of tourism and a team of professionals whose daily activity is to provide high quality services to its clients and partners. SIVEK HOTELS has very extensive experience in organizing major sporting events, for example in the past when managing the complete operation of the Olympic House at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, as well as the last IIHF World Ice Hockey Championship in the Czech Republic, in the 2004.

Official mascot represents national "heroes" - a cartoon rabbits Bob and Bobek who are the main characters of the popular Czech cartoon bedtime stories about two rabbits who live in a wizarding hat. The series first appeared on screens in Czechoslovak television in 1979. Its author is the famous Czech artist, illustrator, cartoonist and director of animated films Vladimír Jiránek. Concerning the "hockey look" of Bob and Bobek for the IIHF World Championship in ice hockey in 2015, it was taken care of by the artist and set designer Alex Dowis - winner of the national TV talent competition.

**Date:** 01. – 17. 05. 2015

**Venue:** Prague and Ostrava

**More information:** <http://www.czechtourism.com/e/ice-hockey-world-championship/>

## **Prague Food Festival**

Prague's dining scene is very popular for quality food, service and pleasant atmosphere, from candlelit cellar restaurants, to panoramic views over the city. The city of a hundred spires has a proud history of serving its nation's cuisine, including favorites such as roasted duck with dumplings or pork knee served with mustard, horseradish and bread. However, a great number of superb international restaurants as well as Michelin star awarded restaurants find their home in Prague. Restaurants La Degustation Bohême Bourgeoise and Alcron won first Michelin star in 2012 and in 2013 and 2014 they both defended the title of Michelin-starred restaurant with all honour again.

Prague Food Festival is Prague's gastronomic event of the year which offers year after year the chance to try dishes from the best chefs and restaurants. Everyone can taste, explore new flavors and surprising combinations of known and tried-and-tested recipes. Each restaurant offers appetizers, soups, main courses, desserts and a specially-curated festival menu, highlighted by test-taste booths with coffee, chocolate, wines, beer and other delectable items. Theme cuisine is reflected in the accompanying program, including wine testing, bartending school, learning how to pour beer on tap and discussions with interesting guests.

**Date:** 29. – 31. 05. 2015

**Venue:** Prague

**More information:** <http://www.czechtourism.com/e/prague-food-festival/>

## **SIGNAL Light Festival**

SIGNAL, Prague Light Festival is the largest showcase of light art and emerging technologies in the Czech Republic. It is also the most-visited cultural event. Its first edition organized in 2013 attracted almost 250,000 visitors, the second edition was visited by 463 000 visitors.

SIGNAL turns the public spaces, squares, streets, and parks of Prague, into a giant and shining gallery. The festival offers technologically advanced light installations, including many interactive ones, as well as large-scale video mapping projections. Some of the works have already been successfully presented at light festivals abroad; however, a majority of the 20 featured projects has been created for their world premieres at SIGNAL.

For those interested there are also a few side events such as a videomapping workshop or light painting for the whole family. The British newspaper The Guardian ranked SIGNAL among the top ten European similarly oriented shows. Contemporary audiovisual art will again pulsate through the historical center of Prague four days in October 2015.

**Date:** 15. – 18. 10. 2015

**Venue:** Prague

**More information:** <http://www.signalfestival.com/2014/en>

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