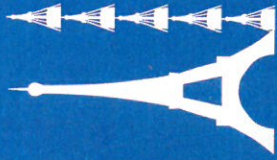


Did you know...



The Petřín observation tower (64 m) would fit 5 times into the Eiffel Tower?



The Prague Castle is the largest coherent castle complex in the world? It spreads over nearly 70,000 m².



The statue of Jan Žižka on the Vítkov hill is the largest equestrian statue in Prague and the third largest in the world?



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### Accommodation

The accommodation offer in **Prague** is truly broad. You can stay in an array of hotels, B&Bs or hostels as well as boats. To make a reservation, you can either use the hotel websites directly, or reservation servers. In **Prague**, there is certainly a lot to choose from!

### Culture

**Prague** can be considered one of the cultural capitals in the world. It is a city of many museums, galleries, theatres, cinemas and other cultural institutions. The pleasant spring experiences include a sightseeing cruise on the Vltava river or a trip to the Petřín Tower, which may remind you of the Eiffel tower. Walks through the Old Town may take you to the magical Jewish Quarter and you can enjoy your afternoon cup of coffee in one of many cafés.

**Prague** also has the highest observation platform in the Czech Republic. You can find it at the 216-m high Žižkov Tower which also features a luxury restaurant overlooking the whole city.

If you wish to bring any valuables from **Prague**, find your way to antique shops for jewellery and precious stones or paintings and china. Art and design can be found at a host of exhibitions offered by the National Gallery at many places in Prague.

### Languages

Four languages have been selected for the official part of the event – English, French, Russian and Czech as the host country language. Accompanying events will be held in English and Czech.

### Transport

Prague has a good network of public transport – the metro, trams and buses. The international Václav Havel Airport **Prague** is located at the northwest edge of the city.

Václav Havel Airport No. 119 Nádraží Veleslavín station



The **Prague** Congress Centre is located directly at the Vyšehrad metro station, line C, only two stops away from the Museum interchange station (lines A and C). Connections can be found on-line at [www.dpp.cz/en/](http://www.dpp.cz/en/).

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## EUROPEAN HABITAT

European Habitat takes place on **16–18 March 2016 in Prague**. It is a regional UN conference in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region which associates 56 member states from Europe, North America and a part of Asia. It is an official part of the preparation for the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), which will take place in Ecuador in October 2016. That summit is held once in 20 years. The role of the host organisation was assumed by the Ministry of Regional Development in cooperation with the City of Prague, which is an ideal venue for this event.

### Objectives of the meeting

- The theme of the whole conference is housing in viable towns. The meeting objectives are:
- to identify and solve new and arising challenges through urban agenda,
  - to create an official document called "Prague Declaration" the draft of which will be discussed in December 2015 by the plenum of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management,
  - to restore the political commitment towards sustainable urban development.

### Czech Republic

The Czech Republic has a rich history. Since the medieval times, it has always been a part of the trade and European education crossroads. Today, it can offer a large number of tourist attractions and activities. It is a land of castles and châteaux, of good wine and beer, art and design. It offers quality facilities for science and research which is fostered not only at universities.

Thanks to its location in the heart Europe, **Prague** is well accessible from every corner of the world. The Prague Congress Centre provides a pleasant environment for discussions over the topics at hand.

### European Habitat

**Prague** is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Does this sentence sound familiar to you? Such clichés dart at you in practically every guide or anywhere on the internet. But would you like to get to know **Prague** in a different way? Now you have a unique opportunity!

The European Habitat Conference will be held in the Capital of the Czech Republic on 16–18 March 2016. Both the Habitat III and the European Habitat will be the first implementation events of the UN for achieving the 17 goals of the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

At the same time, Czech Republic is chairing the Visegrad Four countries from 1 July 2015 for the following twelve months. It is a group of four cooperating countries of Central Europe – the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. This union has been established so that the countries could reach the advanced level of West-European democracies as soon as possible. Its unofficial name is Visegrad Four (V4).

### Passport and visa requirements for entering the Czech Republic

The travel document of a foreign visitor for crossing the border must not be older than 10 years and must be valid for at least 3 months following the date of the anticipated departure from the country. For more information please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at [www.mzv.cz/jnp/en](http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en).

### Experience Prague!

A centre of architecture, history, art and an inimitable and magic atmosphere – that is **Prague**. Within the three days you will spend here, you can use your free time in many ways.

The Prague Castle is an ideal place to start your sightseeing. There, you can see an extensive complex of palaces, churches and courtyards as well as enjoy a breathtaking view of the whole city from the ramparts. The Prague Castle premises include the St. Vitus Cathedral which, together with the historic part of the city, is a World Heritage Site. Guides are available to explain the details and show you the atmosphere of the cathedral.

### Take a walk through Prague

Make use of the fact that the historic centre of **Prague** can be explored on foot along the so-called Royal Route. In the past, the coronation processions of Czech kings and queens rode along this Route to the St. Vitus Cathedral. The Route started at today's Powder Tower and continued through Celetná street, via the Old Town Square past the Old Town Municipal Hall, across the Charles Bridge and on to the Prague Castle, to the St. Vitus Cathedral. The Route is ideal if you wish to see the most significant sites of **Prague** within a short time.

You should not miss the Wenceslas Square the upper part of which is dominated by the equestrian statue of the Czech prince St. Wenceslas. This monument is a popular and frequent meeting point.

### The Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic

- was established on 1 November 1996,
- has competence in the housing policy, territorial planning and urbanism,
- acts as the National Coordination Authority (NCA) that defines a single framework for management and implementation of support granted from the European Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund in the Czech Republic,
- carries out activities related to the EU Cohesion Policy in the Czech Republic,
- is part of the national system of central bodies of the state administration in the fields defined by the relevant legal documents.

### The MoRD is the central body of state administration in:

- regional policy,
- housing stock development,
- rental of residential and non-residential premises,
- building rules,
- public auction and real estate activity,
- investment policy,
- tourism,
- expropriation,
- funeral services.

