Embassy of the Czech Republic
Washington, DC

'Tis the season to be jolly! The Embassy of the Czech Republic invites you to its annual Czech Christmas Market on November 8, 2025, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. We look forward to bringing you the magic of the season.

Browse stands filled with beautiful hand-crafted ornaments, Bohemian garnet and glass jewelry, fine art photography, books & prints, decadent chocolates, Moravian wines and traditional liquors. Savor gingerbread and beer from the Pilsen region. Enjoy the taste and smell of mulled wine as well as an assortment of delicious Czech pastries and cuisine.

Adore the array of live animals for selfies. Listen to a live band, as well as children of American Sokol Washington, DC, and Slavic American Sokol performing Czech Christmas carols. Watch a puppet theatre performance and participate in a workshop.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date/Time: November 8, 2025, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: Embassy of the Czech Republic
3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008

RSVP required for entrance: **https://CzechChristmasMarket2025.eventbrite.com**| Admission is free.
Please select a time slot to RSVP. If you cannot reserve a time slot, it may be full. Therefore, select another time for entrance.
Be sure to register the name of each person in your party for entry!

$$$$$$$$ BRING CASH $$$$$$$$ | Some of the vendors cannot accept credit cards, so please bring plenty of cash as well.

Embassy Policy: The Embassy of the Czech Republic disclaims and excludes any and all liability for any loss, injury, or damage, alleged to have been suffered by or as a result of or otherwise on its premises. No large bags are allowed. Small purses may be checked as you pass through security for entrance. RSVP confirmation and photo ID required. No pets allowed.

Parking: Limited non-metered parking is available on Spring of Freedom Street and Tilden Street.
Closest Metro: The Embassy is about a 15-20 minute walk from the Van Ness Metro Station.

PERFORMANCES

American Sokol Washington, DC
http://www.sokolwashington.org/
American Sokol Washington, DC, provides a sense of community for individuals and families of Czech, Slovak and Moravian heritage, as well as for any other interested persons. The non-profit organization offers an array of sports and outdoor-appreciation activities, and a variety of social, cultural and educational opportunities.

Slavic American Sokol
https://www.slavicamericansokol.com/
Slavic American Sokol promotes and provides education in the Czech, Slovak and other Slavic languages, folklore, culture and athletics.

ALFA Theatre: Workshops & Show - *Mr. Kašpar and His Jolly Family*
https://www.divadloalfa.cz/index.php/en/
From the Pilsen Region, Alfa Theatre is one of the Czech Republic's leading puppet companies, known for its sixty-year tradition and global acclaim. In *Mr. Kašpar and His Jolly Family*, the mischievous Kašpárek and Kalupinka navigate the chaos of parenthood with their baby, dog Hafík, and friend. This lively glove-puppet show blends modern humor with classic Czech puppetry, delighting audiences of all ages. The theatre will also have workshops for children throughout the day.

ORNAMENTS, BELLS & JEWELRY

European Trading Company
https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanTradingCompany/about/?_rdr
The European Trading Company imports hundreds of handmade Christmas glass ornaments from the Czech Republic. The company hand selects its collections from designers and artisans with centuries old skills and traditions of fine glass blowing and decorating, following the latest trends. Since 1994, the family business has imported millions of ornaments to the United States.

Granát Turnov
https://www.facebook.com/people/Heart-of-Bohemia/100063979784281/
Granát, an art jewelry cooperative, is the manufacturer of breathtaking designs, incorporating Bohemian garnets, which are stones known for their unique deep red color. Located in Turnov, these stones, prized by royalty since the Middle Ages, can only be found in the Czech Republic. Extracted Bohemian garnets are sorted manually and only the highest quality gems are used for the production of jewelry. The cooperative, founded in 1953, has created exclusive presents for, among others, King Charles, President Obama, Madeleine Albright, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Heart of Bohemia represents Granát Turnov in the United States.

Heart of Bohemia
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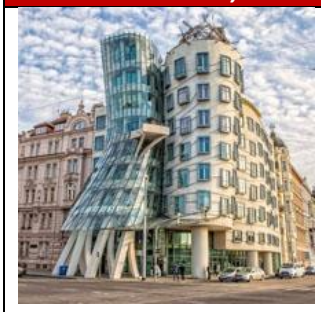
Heart of Bohemia is an importer and retailer in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, specializing in authentic handmade items from the Czech Republic. The company offers a variety of crafts with a particular focus on traditional Bohemian garnet jewelry and mouth-blown glass Christmas ornaments from the Czech company Decor by Glassor. These hand painted ornaments feature Czech artist Josef Lada in the designs for this year's collection. Heart of Bohemia also offers hand-decorated chicken and goose eggs created by traditional technique artist Zdeňka Kuncová.

Umělecké Zvonařství Dytrychová s.r.o.
https://www.zvony-tomaskova.cz/
Umělecké Zvonařství Dytrychová specializes in the manufacture and artistic design of bronze bells as well as candle sticks, paperweights and other products. Founded in 1950, the foundry continues the family's crafting tradition to produce harmonic and resonant tones, winning awards and even high recognition by the Czech President. Its bells have been exported to all corners of the world and were gifted to Pope John Paul II.

Preciosa | www.berkana-usa.com
Preciosa's crystal jewelry and décor delight those who love beauty all around the world. Luxurious jewelry and sought-after fashion accessories are created in the cradle of the world's glass jewelry industry. From the centuries-old tradition of Bohemian cut crystal, Preciosa enriches each creation with craftsmanship, skills and the latest technologies. Berkana USA represents Preciosa in the US.

Shelalee | https://www.shelalee.com/
Shelalee is a small business founded in 2012 in Northern Kentucky. Inspired by its founders' Czech heritage, their handcrafted designs blend traditional techniques with modern artistry, featuring authentic Czech glass beads, sterling silver, and quality materials like wires and elastic cords sourced from the United States. Each piece is made in limited quantities, reflecting their commitment to sustainability and individuality.

PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS & BOOKS



Lillis Photography
https://www.lillisphotography.com/ | Lilliswerder.etsy.com
Lillis Photography offers photography from the Czech Republic as matted, un-matted prints, archival canvases of numerous sizes, large and small framed pieces ready to hang, greeting cards, children's puzzles, and 2026 Prague calendars. Moreover, photography is available from various other countries and dozens of popular travel destinations. Special orders are also available for any photo on paper or canvas, or specific size.

Robinson's Fine Prints
http://www.robinprints.org/
Robinson's Fine Prints is an art gallery in the Midtown Scholar Bookstore, Harrisburg, PA, selling original prints from Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Prints by Czech artists from the past 100 years dominate the store's collection of more than 1,500 artworks. Featured artists include Ladislav and Jana Hanka, Anna Grmelová, Emil Kotrba, and Karel Beneš.

Penfield Books
https://www.penfieldbooks.com/category/czech-titles/
Penfield Books, based in Iowa City, has been publishing Award Winning books on Czech and Slovak subjects, including history, culture, cookbooks, and children's books, for 46 years. It remains the nation's leading publisher of Czech related titles.

Plamen Press

https://www.plamenpress.com/

Plamen Press is an independent press focused on the publication and promotion of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European literature translated into English. As publishers, Plamen Press believes that its role is to use every means available to reanimate literary works for readers.

CRAFTS, TOYS & SOUVENIRS

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

https://ncsml.org/

Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) preserves, presents, and transcends unique stories of Czech and Slovak history and culture through innovative experiences and active engagement to reach cross-cultural audiences locally, nationally, and internationally. The Museum's award-winning store proudly sells merchandise tied to Czech and Slovak roots, including unique and fun souvenirs.

Seneca Studio

https://senecastudio.com/

Seneca Studio was created by Łukasz Machoń, who combines his mechanical engineering experience with his love for art and craftsmanship. His original handcrafted furnishings showcase high quality materials and attention to detail. Łukasz has created a one-of-a-kind limited offering of Czech themed products- including various ornaments, engraved Pilsner and rocks glasses, coasters, bottle openers, and flasks.

SunnyDayArt

https://www.etsy.com/shop/SunnyDayArtandCraft

Sunny Day Art is a family art studio and woodcraft shop founded in the Sunshine State in 2006. Their authentic "walnut babies" ornaments have been used as traditional Christmas décor in Czechia for many centuries.

PASTRIES, COOKIES & CHOCOLATE

Bakerium Katerina

Baked from scratch with top quality ingredients, Katerina uses recipes to make traditional Czech Christmas cookies, which are an integral part of Christmas for any Czech family. Her delicious creations follow recipes, which have been treasured in her family for generations. Katerina has now been keeping this wonderful tradition alive in the United States for almost three decades.

La Bohemia Bakery
http://labohemiabakery.com/
La Bohemia Bakery is a European artisan bakery located in Rockville, Maryland. Its priority is bringing authentic quality European baked goods to customers at an affordable price. The bakery's menu includes pastries, tarts and cakes, savory baked goods, and breads.

Marlenka International Ltd. | https://marlenka.us/
Marlenka is a well-known Czech brand celebrated for its rich, spiced flavors, derived from honey, nuts, and a creamy frosting made with either condensed milk or sour cream. Marlenka International, the company behind the brand, follows the family recipes of its founder to create a wide variety of delicious products, such as honey cakes. All offerings are free from artificial colors and preservatives, with gluten-free options also available.

Steiner & Kovarik Prague Chocolate
https://us.steinerkovarik.com/
Steiner & Kovarik Prague Chocolate is a Czech family-owned premium chocolate company founded in 2005. A consistent recipient of the international Great Taste Award, Steiner & Kovarik produces only the highest quality of handmade chocolates manufactured in its own local factory. Wide varieties of chocolates are wrapped in luxurious gift packaging featuring unique designs and motives. It is a family business integrating originality with the power of love.

WINE & SPIRITS

R. Jelínek
https://www.rjelinek.us/
R. Jelínek, is a producer of Jelinek Slivovitz, a national brand and plum brandy originating from the Plum Valley in the Czech Republic. Other than creating one of the most iconic spirits in the world R. Jelinek also specializes in the creation of Pear Williams Brandy, Bohemia Apricot Brandy, Cherry Liqueur as well as a variety of many other spirits and liqueurs. Established by the Jelínek family in 1894, the privately owned company continues to adhere to its tradition of kosher distillery production. Exporting the popular brandy to the United States since 1934, it currently distributes in over 35 different states.

Becherovka
https://www.becherovka.com/
Becherovka is a traditional Czech herbal liqueur that has been crafted in the spa town of Karlovy Vary since 1807. Created by Josef Vitus Becher, its recipe combines a carefully balanced blend of 21 herbs and spices sourced from around the world. The exact formula remains one of the best-kept secrets—known to only two people in the world. Using pure Karlovy Vary water and high-quality spirits, Becherovka achieves its unmistakable bittersweet flavor. Often called the *"thirteenth spring"* of Karlovy Vary, it stands as a proud symbol of Czech heritage and culture.

Spevak Winery
https//:www.willsinternational.com
Spevak winery is a small family-owned winery based on the philosophy that a good quality wine is born in the vineyard, not the winery. All the grapes used for wine production are sustainably grown and hand-picked on the Spevak Estate. Discover the taste of the Czech Republic - a selection of unique wines from Spevak winery representing the art and craftsmanship of the Moravian wine makers, imported by Willis International in the US.

FARMS & LIVE ANIMALS

Frederick County Sheep Breeders
http://www.fredericksheepbreeders.com/
The Frederick County Sheep Breeders is a Maryland-based sheep and goat producers' association. Its purpose is to promote as well as to educate the public regarding sheep, goat and lamb activities in Maryland.

Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeders
http://www.whisperingmeadowsalpaca.com/
Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeders is a family run business with a successful 4H program educating youth on alpacas and agriculture. It will be selling wool and alpaca stockings, hats, figurines, and other items. Lambs, goats, and alpacas will be on hand for selfies and cuddles.