



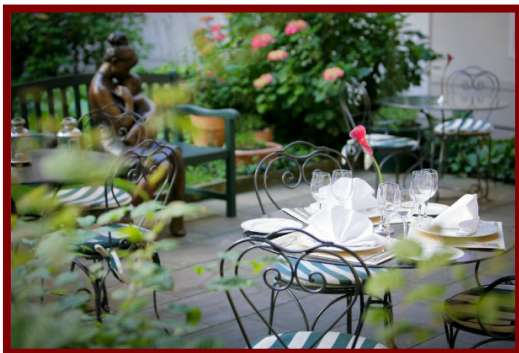
Conference Guide

Conference Venue

The conference will take place at the **Mamaison Suite Hotel Pachtuv Palace*******

A cultural and architectural Prague landmark in its own right, and with 50 richly decorated rooms and suites, the luxury Mamaison Suite Hotel Pachtuv Palace is the closest hotel to Charles Bridge in the centre of Prague. It offers excellent personal service and historic, romantic accommodation in the heart of the city.

The former residence of Earl Karel Pachtá, and once Mozart's home in the city, the luxury hotel Pachtuv Palace Prague boasts stunning features including frescos, vaulted chapel ceilings, sculptures, and fireplace. The spacious and individually-designed suites, many with views of Prague Castle, each contains a shower and satellite TV. When you are looking for a romantic, charming stay in an original palace, this luxury boutique hotel is the right choice for your Prague hotel reservation!



Mamaison Suite Hotel Pachtuv Palace

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Email: reservations.pachtuvpalace@mamaison.com

URL: <http://www.mamaison.com/prague-pachtuv-palace-prague.html>

How to get to Prague

By plane

Prague - Ruzyne International Airport (PRG) is a modern and spacious international airport located on the northwest edge of Prague, around 17 km north of the city.

Prague International Airport (PRG)

Tel.: +420 220 111 888

URL: <http://www.prg.aero/en/>

Email: mia@maltairport.com

By Train

Hlavni Nadrazi Train Station

Wilsonova, Prague 2

Prague's main railway station (Hlavni Nadrazi) is the largest and most important railway station in Prague and in the whole Czech Republic as well, located about 300m east of Wenceslas Square via Washingtonova street. It has a long history as it operates from 1871.

The station is an international transport hub, handling train lines to Germany, France, Poland, Slovakia and also to all the larger Czech cities. Getting to the station is very easy as the station lies on metro Line C (red line), and is just one stop from the top of Wenceslas Square (Muzeum station).

Nadrazi Holesovice Train Station

Partyzanska, Prague 7

International railway station Nadrazi Holesovice is Prague's second largest. Usually the trains from the West and the North arrive here, most frequently it is the point of departure for trains heading to Berlin, Vienna, and Budapest.

This station is not as central as Hlavni Nadrazi but it is still very convenient to get there. It is located on the same metro line (Line C - red line) as the main railway station, so only few minutes to the city centre. If you don't stay in a hotel or apartment in the city centre, we highly recommend you to use a transfer service from and to this railway station.

Masarykovo Nadrazi Train Station

Hybernaska, Prague 1

Masarykovo Nadrazi is the oldest railway station in Prague, located near namesti Republiky in the city center and very close to Hlavni Nadrazi. As Masarykovo Nadrazi services mostly suburban destinations, it is not so interesting for foreign travellers.

Smichovske Nadrazi Train Station

Nadrazni, Prague 5

Nadrazi Praha-Smichov or Smichovske Nadrazi is one of the more important railway stations in Prague, located in the district of Smichov. Getting there is very easy as the railway station is connected with a metro (the same name – Smichovske Nadrazi, yellow line, line B), but never forget to consider a taxi.

This train station connects Prague with cities in the direction of Plzen and Pisek. Furthermore it has a so-called Northern station which serves for the famous line – Prague Semmering. This train station is mainly used by Czech citizens when going to work out of or coming to Prague, but as a guest you will have to use it if you want to visit Karlstejn or some other famous sightseeing places.

For more information: http://www.marys.cz/prague_guide/trains/

By Car

Follow the signs to City Center until you see the Evropska Street. Follow this street until you get to a roundabout (approx. 7.5 km); bear right - onto Svatovitska Street. At the main traffic light, make a left onto Milady Horakove Street. Travel approximately for 5 km. When you get to the 10th traffic light, turn right. Go across Hlavkuv Bridge. You will now be on Wilsonova Street. Go approximately 2 km, passing the main rail station, and at the first traffic light, make a right onto Wenceslas Square. The hotel is located at the lower part of the square on your left hand side; between BATA shoe store and Vodickova Street (the cross street on your left with tram stops).

Car Hire

Prague Airport Care Hire provides Car Hire from the following rent a car companies worldwide. Hertz, Avis, Alamo, Budget Dollar, National Sixt, Thrifty Eurocar. All car rental offices are located in a separate hall on the ground floor of Parking C. Car rental offices can also be contacted via e-mail or phone

More information about the rates and contact details:

<http://www.prg.aero/en/parking-transport/rent-cars/>

Taxi

Taxis are located in front of the arrival halls at Terminal 1 - exit D and at Terminal 2 - exit E.

Price: 14.90 to 26.90 CZK per km.

Taxis Companies:

AAA Radiotaxi - Tel. 14014 or +420 222333222, www.aaa-taxi.cz

- City Taxi - Tel. +420 257257257, www.citytaxi.cz

- Profi Taxi - Tel. 14035 or + 420 261314151, www.profitaxi.cz

- Halotaxi - Tel. +420 244114411, www.halotaxi.cz

- Sedop - Tel. +420 777666333, www.sedop.cz

Should you wish you may fill the on-line form to book a taxi:

<http://www.radiotaxi.cz/Taxi-order/>

Transportation in Prague

Bus & Metro

From the airport, take the Bus 119 to the Dejvicka metro station. Then, take the green line (Line A) to the Mustek metro station. When leaving the station, use the exit labeled "Vaclavske/Namesti." The hotel is located about 5 minutes walk from the exit of the metro station.

For more information:

<http://www.dpp.cz/en/fares-in-prague/>

<http://www.dpp.cz/en/daytime-operation/>

Public shuttle bus from airport to the centre of Prague

There is shuttle bus transportation from Prague - Ruzyně Airport to the city centre. The journey from the airport to the V Celnici Street takes 30 minutes approximately.

Daily every 30 minutes: "V Celnici" street - airport: 7:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Airport - "V Celnici" street.

Buy your Ticket:

- On Board
- At the mini bus Cedaz information desk
- Ticket Vending Machines

TIMETABLE FROM 2. 1. 2013

Departures of minibus from Terminal 2 (Exit E), Václav Havel Airport Prague to the centre of Prague		Departures of minibus from Terminal 1 (Exit F), Václav Havel Airport Prague to the centre of Prague		Departures of minibus from "V Celnici" street to the Václav Havel Airport Prague	
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For more information: <http://www.cedaz.cz/public-shuttle-bus-from-airport-to-prague-centre.php>

Metro Map



City Map



History

The history of the city goes back to the foundation of Prague Castle by Borivoj in 870 AD. Prague Castle has been a symbol of Czech history for centuries. After 894 it became the main seat of the oldest ruling dynasty of the state Bohemia, the Premyslid princes (Premyslovci).

The first to leave a written record of the existence of a busy commercial center and settlement below Prague Castle was the Arab-Jewish merchant Ibrahim Jakub Ibn, who visited Prague in 965 or 966 and described it as a town "built of stone and mortar". During the first half of the 11th



century, on the opposite bank of the Vltava, another castle was founded, called Vysehrad. The first stone bridge (Judith's) was built in 1172. Prague became a town during 13th century and the Old Town and the Little Quarter were founded by colonization. The beginning of the 14th century saw a series of dynastic disputes - beginning with the death of Vaclav II. The following year, the murder of his son, the heir, Vaclav III, marked the end of the Premyslid dynasty and Bohemia was left without a male heir. In 1310 Czech nobles offered the throne to John of Luxembourg but it was his son Charles IV (1346-1378), king of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor, who ushered in Prague's golden age and made it his residential capital. King Charles IV carried out the reconstruction of Prague in High Gothic style, adding new, expensive buildings such as the Castle, at Vysehrad and in the town. He founded the oldest university in Central Europe in Prague (1348), Charles University, founded and built the New Town of Prague (1348) and adorned his residential town with numerous structures and public buildings like Charles Bridge (1357), magnificent St. Vitus' cathedral, the Slavonic Abbey, the church at Karlov and many others. With its 50, 000 inhabitants and covering an area of 8.1 squares Km Prague became the largest town in Europe at that time. Shortly after the Emperor's death in 1378 difficulties cropped up. In 1541 there was a great fire at Prague Castle, in Hradcany and the in the Little Quarter. Nor did Prague become the seat of the throne when Ferdinand, the Roman Catholic Hapsburg was elected King of Bohemia (1526) and the Kingdom of Bohemia became part of the Hapsburg monarchy and after the defeat of the first anti-Hapsburg uprising of the Bohemian Estates (1547) the Prague town's people lost a large part of their property and political privileges. But it was a period when culture flourished thanks to the personality and court of the art-loving Emperor Rudolph II (1576-1612) who moved his seat to Prague in 1583 and endowed Prague's galleries with the best Mannerist art in Europe and invited the respected astrologist Tycho de Brahe and Johannes Kepler and other famous scientists to his court.

For more information:

<http://www.guidingprague.com/en/prague-overview/brief-history-of-prague>

Official Web Page of Prague: <http://www.praguewelcome.cz>

Sights

The Prague Castle

The Prague Castle is a National cultural monument. Since its foundation in the last quarter of the 9th century it has been developing uninterruptedly throughout the past eleven centuries. It is a monumental complex of ecclesiastical, fortification, residential and office buildings representing all architectural styles and periods, surrounding three castle courtyards and covering 45 hectares. Originally it used to be the residence of princes and kings of Bohemia, since 1918 it is the seat of the president.

Address: Downtown 119 08 Praha 1

Opening hours: Prague Castle Sights & Attractions: Apr-Oct: Daily 09:00-18:00

Prague Castle Complex: Apr-Oct: Daily 05:00-24:00

Prague Castle Gardens: Apr & Oct: Daily 10:00-18:0

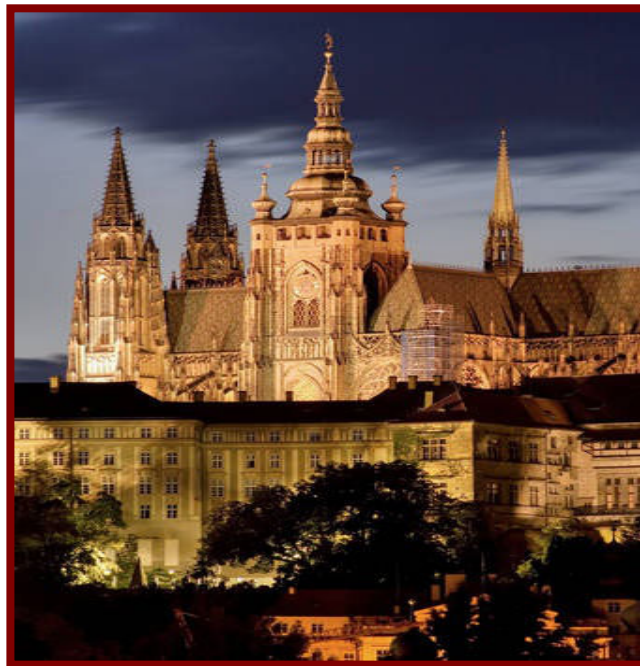
Changing of the Guard: Every hour 06:00-23:00. Midday ceremony includes a fanfare & banner exchange.

Fees: Prague Castle - long visit: CZK 350, Family admission: CZK 700

Tickets are valid for two days (the day of the purchase and the following day).

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site:

URL: <http://www.hrad.cz/en/prague-castle/prague-castle-tourist-information/tickets.shtml>



Lesser Town Bridge Towers

Essentially, the tower at the western end of the bridge comprises two towers of different appearance, origin and size. The smaller of the towers was erected in the Romanesque style. It was part of the Judith Bridge (which was Prague's first stone bridge built in the first half of the 12th century) but it is actually older. The first references to the tower date back to 1249. The second, taller tower began to be erected with the construction of Charles Bridge in 1357 using the Old Town Bridge Tower on the opposite bank of the river as a template. Naturally, it was not finished until a century later under the reign of George of Poděbrady. Both towers are linked by a gate with a spire dating from the beginning of the 15th century. From the beginning of the 15th century, the smaller tower (the so-called Judith Tower) was used as a jail and it retained this role for another two hundred years.

Address: Downtown Charles Bridge Praha 1 - Staré Město 110 00

Opening hours: April - September 10:00 AM – 22:00PM daily

Fees: full admission 75 CZK, discount 55 CZK

URL: <http://www.praguewelcome.cz/en/visit/monuments/top-monuments/56-lesser-town-bridge-towers-.shtml>



Old town hall with the astronomical clock

The history of the Old Town Hall began in 1338, when King John of Luxembourg granted Prague's Old Town the right to establish its own administrative centre. The original basis for the town hall became the gothic house of the wealthy merchant Wolflin of Kamen, for whom a stately tower was built in 1364. The Old Town Hall is associated with the most significant events in the country's history. This is the place where the king of Bohemia George of Pod?brady was selected in 1458.

Address: Staromestske namesti 1/3, Praha 1 - Stare Mesto 110 00- Old town Square

Opening hours: Tower: January – December: Monday: 11:00AM-12:00AM

Tuesday – Sunday 09:00AM-22:00AM

Interior: January – December: Monday: 11:00-18:00, Tuesday – Sunday 09:00-18:00

Entrance Fee: Tower - full admission 105 CZK, discount 55 CZK

URL:<http://www.praguewelcome.cz/en/visit/monuments/top-monuments/58-old-town-hall-with-the-astronomical-clock.shtml>



Strahov Monastery

The Royal Canonry of Premonstratensians at Strahov is one of the oldest monasteries of the Premonstratensian Order in the world. It has been a working monastery practically ever since it was founded in 1143. Fire, the Hussite Wars, religious wars, and the Communists all failed to shut down this institution. Even when the members of the monastery were unable to live within its walls, they gathered wherever they could and nurtured the spirit of their House until they were able to return to the monastery complex.



Opening hours: Daily (except for the 25th December and Easter Sunday) 09:00-17:00, lunchtime break 12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Entrance Fee: "Strahov Monastery and St Norbert": Basic: 40 CZK, Reduced: 20 CZK, Family: 80 CZK

Entrance Fee: "Strahov Picture Gallery": Basic: 80 CZK, Reduced: 40 CZK, Family: 150 CZK

URL: <http://www.strahovskyclaster.cz/picture-gallery-and-historical-rooms/information-for-visitors>



Dinning

Czech cuisine has been influenced by the cuisines of boarding countries. Many of the fine cakes and pastries that are popular in Central Europe originated in the Czech lands. Czech cuisine is marked by a strong emphasis on meat dishes. Pork is quite common, beef and chicken are also popular. We suggest you to have Guláš, Roast pork with dumplings and cabbage (pečené vepřové s knedlíky a se zelím), Marinated sirloin (svíčková na smetaně or simply svíčková) and Bramboračka.

Guláš



Svíčková na Smetaně



Pečené Vepřové



Bramboračka



Restaurants

Ambiente Restaurant

Here you will find no menu cards by traditional means. It is a Brazilian inspired restaurant. They have one menu, where you get up to 18 different kinds of meat, fish and desserts all grilled on a spear. It is superior delicious, and you can eat as much as you can.

Address: Slovansky dum, Na Prikope, 22, Praha 1, Prague

Tel: +420 224 234 47

Fax: <http://brasileiro.ambi.cz/en/>



Hajnovka

One of the great variants for a memorable dinner in Vinohrady District is a traditional Plzen restaurant Hajnovka, located on Vinohradská Street. Since 1930-es the restaurant has been famous for its culinary traditions and special hospitality.

Address: Vinohradská 25, 12000 Praha 2

Tel: +420 224 218 386

Fax: <http://www.hajnovka.cz/en/home.html>



Bily Konicek Restaurant & Jazz Club

Bily Konicek Restaurant in Prague is located in the stunning 12th century medieval cellars of one of the oldest houses on the Old Town Square. Bily Konicek (White Horse) has modern furnishings, with an emphasis on glass and dark woods; creatively blended into an array of historic alcoves and open rooms, spread over several levels.



Address: Old Town Square 20, Old Town, Prague 1, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 221 421 160

Fax: <http://www.pragueexperience.com/places.asp?PlaceID=1213>

Thrilling Middle Ages

Would you feel like experiencing something special and also unexpected and in addition having both fun and excitement together with excellent food and galore of beer and wine with no limit. Do not waste your time and book this tour as soon as possible. You will visit a little town eastward of Prague. After a visit of the manor house decorated with hunting trophies and after making you familiar with beer brewing history you will spend an exciting evening in a local tavern.

Address: Old Town Square

Tel: +420 227 195 180

Fax: <http://www.praguetoursdirect.com/prague-at-night/medieval-tavern-dinner-prague.htm>



More options to dine in Prague:

<http://www.praguewelcome.cz/en/dine/>

<http://www.praguetouristguide.com/dining.php>