

Who has ever discovered Prague,...

For more 1100 years, visitors of Prague have been trying to give Prague a sustainable name: stone Prague, golden Prague, magic Prague, hundred-spired Prague, Prague, mother of all cities... Each of these attributes will highlight one of its attractive features.

Prague, the Heart of Europe

Looking at the map we can find that Prague is really a focal point, heart and centre of the continent. However, Prague is not only a geographical heart of Europe, but also a place where for centuries different nations were mixing and different cultures were merging, influencing each other. Those who walk through Prague walk through the history of Europe and its cultural streams.

Hundred-spired Prague

It might be impossible to count all the big and small spires of Prague churches, palaces and houses. Hundred-spired Prague - this name suggests that Prague is the city of architectural treasures. This city has been developing for more than one thousand years in the course of which memorable buildings were built. In spite of having been often destroyed Prague was able to keep its enormous legacy. It excels in Romanesque monuments, it is called a world-renowned work of Gothic city planning. The recatholicization of the country was accompanied by a remarkable development of the Baroque style. Hundreds of artists, mainly from Italy and Germany, gave Prague its Baroque appearance, which the city has been preserving since that time. The countenance of Prague reflects every cultural period and every artistic style.

Rome of the North

This name was given to Prague because of its enormous number of churches and cathedrals. The Church erected in Prague monuments you could hardly find anywhere else in the world. Prague of St. John of Nepomuk and Prague of Infant Jesus are two names of Prague connected with its Catholic religiousness.

Magic Prague

This name is known all over the world. Doctor Faust's Prague, Golem's Prague - this name was given to the city after the mythical clay giant symbolizing Jewish magic. Rudolphian Prague - after Emperor Rudolf II, who contributed to its reputation to a great extent. This emperor of alchemists, the admirer of occultism and Maecenas gathered in Prague one of the biggest collections of art of that time. The remains of this collection, still preserved in Prague, are remarkable. However, the emperor left behind something that cannot be taken from the city - the atmosphere of mystery.

Jewish Prague

One of the most famous and remarkable ghettos was situated in Prague. The territory of the old Jewish city with very old synagogues, enormous collections of Jewish art preserves the atmosphere of the time.

Franz Kafka's Prague is another name, which was given to Prague after one of its famous inhabitants. However, the Prague Jewish literary society includes more names, for example Gustav Meyring, Max Brod and "Raging Reporter" Egon Ervin Kisch. Prague streets offer the admirers of literature revived illustration of the stories of famous personalities.

Prague, the City of Music

This is another name of this city famed for its special love of music. Many famous musicians gave concerts in its palaces, composed in its buildings and were inspired by its beauty. Mozart's Prague deeply influenced the life of the great composer as well as the lives of other composers. In the past Bohemia used to be called the "conservatory of Europe" and it is still quite famous for its music. Every year the Prague Spring Festival attracts visitors and musical stars from the whole world.