Prague

The Czech Capital
Basics

Founded in 9th century
Area 191 sq. mi.
Population 1,200,000
Praga mater urbiium
widely considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe
Praga Mater Urbium

Nicknames:

• city of a hundred spires
• the golden city
• UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992
“I see a vast city, whose glory will touch the stars!”
Brief History

- 870: Prague Castle founded
- 1085: Prague became the seat of kings
- 1346: Prague capital of Holy Roman Empire
- 1348: University of Prague founded
- 1400’s: nothing important
- 1583: 2nd time capital of Holy Roman Empire, Europe’s cultural centre
- 1600’s – 1800’s: occupied by Swedish, French, Bavarian, Persian, Austrian armies
- 1918: capital of Czechoslovakia
- 1996: I moved to Prague
- 2002: great floods
Prague occupied by Persians
Getting Around is Easy in Prague

3 metro lines: 55 km
35 tram (streetcar) lines: 560 km
195 bus lines: 2123 km
Subway
In Winter
At Night
Power Failure
Early Morning
Prague Castle
Entrance
The Bridge
The Jewish Quarter
La maison qui dance