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# THE CITY OF PRAGUE

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Prague is a unique city with medieval charm, a rich history and striking architecture that attracts millions of tourists every year.

The place of conferece, HYB4 Gallery, is located in the very centre of Prague, from where you can easily explore the city.

### Old Town Square:

Just a few steps from the conference location, there is a central square of Prague, Old Town Square. On the central square of Prague's Old Town you will find the Old Town Hall with the famous **Astronomical Clock, the Jan Hus Monument, Teyn Church, and the Church of St. Nicholas**. There are also numerous restaurants.

The Old Town Square is also a popular venue for events. Especially popular is the Christmas market, which invites you every year to enjoy the Christmas magic.



### Prague Castle

An absolute highlight of any trip to Prague is the spectacular Prague Castle, dating back to the 9th century. Bohemian kings, Holy Roman Emperors, and Austrian Emperors once ruled and lived in the majestic complex of museums, churches, palaces, and parks.

As the largest enclosed castle area in the world, it holds countless sights. These include the Golden Lane, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Basilica of St. George, Daliborka Tower, Rosenberg Palace, Schwarzenberg Palace, Lobkovic Palace, the Holy Cross Chapel, and the National Gallery in Sternberg Palace.

The highlight of the Prague Castle is the ceremonial changing of the castle guard, which takes place daily at 12 noon with great pomp and marching music in the Square of Honor. Also noteworthy is the lighting of the castle in the evening, which particularly emphasizes the architectural splendor.



### St. Vitus Cathedral

An absolute must-see in Prague is the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral, which dominates Prague Castle. The cathedral is the cathedral of the Archbishopric of Prague as well as the largest church in the Czech Republic.

In addition to the grandiose Gothic architecture, the interior of the cathedral will also delight you. It contains tombs of Czech kings, the Prague Cathedral treasury, the coronation insignia, and the Wenceslas Chapel decorated with golden stucco. Climbing the 99-meter main tower is rewarded with a sensational view of Prague's rooftops.



### **Wenceslas Square**

Wenceslas Square in the heart of the city is one of the largest squares in Europe as well as a popular meeting place for both locals and tourists. Originally, the square functioned as a horse market. The square is also known as the site of large demonstrations, such as the "Velvet Revolution" of 1989.

Today, Wenceslas Square attracts countless visitors with its shopping opportunities as well as numerous cafes, restaurants, bars, clubs, and hotels. It is also home to the National Museum and the monument of St. Wenceslas, the patron saint of Wenceslas Square.



### **Vyšehrad**

Perched on a cliff above the Vltava River, Vyšehrad is a medieval fortress dating back to the 10th century. Here, visitors enjoy a more spectacular view of picturesque Prague. The Baroque fortress includes numerous treasures, such as the Romanesque Rotunda of St. Martin, the neo-Gothic Church of St. Peter and Paul, and the underground casemates. The Vyšehrad Cemetery serves as the final resting place of numerous artists, politicians, and scientists. According to legend, Vyšehrad is the oldest princely seat in Bohemia.





### **Parks and gardens**

Prague is also rich in parks, orchards and gardens where you can relax. You can visit several gardens in the city centre. The **Wallenstein Garden** is located in the Old Town of Prague. The Wallenstein Garden, covering an area of more than 14,000 square metres, is the second largest garden in the centre of Prague; only Prague Castle gardens are larger.

The garden was created in the style of an Italian manneristic park, and as surviving letters by the sculptor Adrian de Vries show, Albrecht Waldstein himself actively participated in its shaping through his proposals and comments.



### **Letná park**

Located in Prague 7, Letná Park, is one of the biggest parks in Prague. Established in 1860 on the site of a former vineyard, this park in Prague has seen a lot throughout the years.

Today, its most noticeable feature is the ticking metronome, but from 1955 until 1962, this was the site of the world's largest monument to Josef Stalin. The metronome sits on the base of the remains of the Stalin monument.



### **Stromovka Park**

Also located in Prague 7, Stromovka is known as Prague's central park and also happens to be the biggest Prague park at almost 250 acres. Founded in 1268 by King Přemysl Otakar II as a royal hunting ground, this park was expanded throughout the years by subsequent rulers and sometimes even taken advantage of as a military camp.

Today, there is a wide variety of things to do in the park. It's come a long way through history to become a favorite of locals and visitors alike. Sit by the shore or even take a dip in one of the four ponds, take your kids to the playground, enjoy a meal at one of the restaurants or just relax in the grass.



**Riegrovy sady**

This beautiful park in Prague 2 is also situated on the site of some former vineyards and provides a spectacular view of Prague Castle. A few remnants of the original space still reside there – the Classical lookout tower from the 1920s, which is now a restaurant, and some sandstone remnants of a monument from the 1840s.

With a garden lining the back entrance and a spacious hillside, Riegrovy sady park gets packed with both locals and tourists enjoying a beer and watching the sunset, making it one of the best parks in Prague.

**Kampa**

The park - an island between the main stream of the Vltava and its branch - Čertovka, where you can see the large mill wheel of the former Velkopřevorský mill, which stood here in 1400, is one of the most romantic and picturesque places in Prague. No wonder it was named the second most beautiful urban island in the world by the prestigious travel site VirtualTourist. The island's grassy areas are widely used for picnics and relaxation.

The park, located in Prague's center right next to the Charles Bridge, boasts great views and pieces of history. Stop by to check out the wheel of the Grand Priory Mill from the 15th century or wander up past the stream to the John Lennon Wall.

Kampa also houses an art museum and a few freestanding baby statues designed by David Černý just like the ones that crawl up the tower.

