

Practical information

CURRENCY

The official currency is the Czech Crown (CZK).

An approximate exchange rate is USD 1 = 20 CZK, GBP 1 = 28 CZK, EUR 1 = 27 CZK. (March 2009)

See <http://currency.fin.cz/> for updates.

Money tips for travellers

- Always change money in a bank or take cash out of ATM machines, which are plentiful in Prague and every larger town. ATM machines are a very convenient way to get Czech crowns.
- Be careful when using money exchange offices. Many of them target tourists (especially in Prague) and you may end up paying a high commission or getting a bad rate without even knowing about it.
- Never agree to changing money on the street. The purpose of this practice is not to exchange money, but to steal it from you.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash with you. Carry a credit card and take money out of a cash machine as you go. You can also use your card to make payments. Major credit cards are accepted in most locations.
- Always try to pay in Czech crowns. Even though euros are accepted at businesses such as the Tesco department store and some restaurants, the exchange rate is not always favorable. The change you receive will be in Czech crowns.

VOLTAGE

The electric current used in the Czech Republic is 220 V.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT in Prague

Traveling by city transport is only possible with a valid ticket. Passengers have to obtain their tickets before boarding the vehicle or entering the Metro system. Tickets for trams, buses and Metro are uniform and can be bought at all Metro stations, selected news stands, travel bureau, etc. Single tickets can also be bought from the slot machines located at each Metro station.

One transfer ticket costs 26 CZK and is valid for 75 minutes after marking. A 24-hour ticket costs 100 CZK.

Metro

The Prague Metro network consists of 3 lines designated by letters and differentiated in colour. The Metro operates daily from 5:00 to 24:00. The time interval between trains is approximately 2-3 minutes during the workday rush hours and 4-10 minutes during the off-peak hours.

Trams

The daytime operation of trams is from 4:30 to 24:00. Night-time operation is from 24:00 to 4:30 and is provided by tram numbers 51 to 58. The central transfer station for night-time lines is Lazarska stop. Tram schedules are located at individual stops.

Buses

The day-time and night-time operation of buses is similar to tram operation.

TAXI

Each taxi has to be equipped with a permanently installed yellow roof lamp with the TAXI sign. The registration number, company name and the price list must be displayed on both front doors of the cab. These prices must correspond with the prices set on the meters in the cab. Customers are recommended to order a taxi with non-stop dispatching offices. After the journey is completed, the customer has the right to ask the driver for a receipt for the payment. The receipt has to be issued by the taximeter printer. Selected non-stop taxi dispatching offices:

- AAA Taxi - phone 14014, www.aaataxi.cz
- Prague Airport Transfers - phone 800 870 888, www.prague-airport-transfers.co.uk

HOW TO GET from the AIRPORT to the CITY Conference Center

Public transport

Bus No. 119 → Dejvicka metro station → Metro Line A → Muzeum metro station → Metro Line C → Pankrac metro station (approx. 45 min)

See <http://www.dpp.cz/en> for timetables.

The bus stop of public transport is located outside the Arrivals hall. The one-way ticket costs 26 CZK and can be purchased at newspaper stands, tobacconist or slot machine at the airport.

The Prague Ruzyne airport is situated about 15 km from the city centre. An airport Minibus service is available for EUR 28 (1-3 persons) to the downtown from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Taxi price from the airport to the downtown is approximately 500 CZK.