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Without these stories, the Czech capital would be "just" a semi-historical backdrop of stately churches, colourful buildings, and pleasing views. That's no small thing – what some cities wouldn't give for such a collection! – but Prague is so much more. The purpose of our latest brochure is to take a look behind the scenes of the capital city – to offer you more about its most interesting historical stories and fates of people, to shed light on what is indelibly inscribed in Prague's cobblestones, facades, statues, bridges, and towers.

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The Realm of Design in the Petřská District

View of the Petřská Square

Should you get lost while wandering around Prague and end up in the Petřská district in the northern part of New Town, you'll feel like you've entered a somewhat different world. Suddenly the sounds of city traffic die down, the pace of life slows, and you'll find yourself walking through half-empty picturesque streets that lead to the rather small Petřské Square. The great restaurants and cafés add to the area's remarkable charm, as does an unusual concentration of a variety of design shops. It is indeed a bit of a paradox – literally in the shadow of Palladium, a gigantic shopping mall full of international brands, a rich and diverse design scene has sprung up.

The Petřská district began as an independent medieval village with a farmyard. In the second half of the 12th century, the Church of St Peter was built here, still a local landmark today, and its distinctive architecture has contributed fundamentally to the overall character of the area. One need not be an expert on sights to see that the tabernacle of St Peter has a venerable history and is among the most valuable objects in Prague. It is one of the few non-monastic Romanesque basilicas in the Czech lands with a well-preserved two-tower facade rebuilt in the Gothic style and the presbytery in the same architectural style. The church is open during Mass every Wednesday (4:30 p.m.), Friday (4:30 p.m.), and Sunday (10:30 a.m.).

During the reign of Charles IV, the village "at St Peter's" became a part of Prague's newly formed New Town and became an integral part of the growing medieval city. Around 1600 the walk-through beffry was built near the church and is also preserved to this day. Modern buildings and 19th-century urbanism determined the current appearance of this part of the metropolis, yet its historical character is still clearly visible from up close. Today, the Petřská district is bordered by Ludvík Svoboda embankment (to the north), Těšnov Street (from the east), Revoluční Street (from the west) and Na Florenci Street (from the south).

Design made its home in the Petřská district surprisingly quickly. In the district's small, even intimate, boutiques and showrooms, you can find numerous "Czech Made" and "handmade" products or those by local designers as well as collections by independent European brands. You'll have no trouble finding the perfect wedding inspiration or unusual Christmas gift here. Of particular note is Studio Lavni (Petřské Sq. 1; [lawni.com](#)), which specializes in designer wallpaper and interior accessories. Just a few steps away, at Soukenická 30, you'll come across the 100CLASS Concept Store ([stoclass.com](#)) – a shop full of slow fashion, timeless and local fashion. The owners present exclusively designed collections of clothing, fashion accessories, and art objects by leading domestic designers. On the same street, leading men's tailor Leo Macenauer ([leomaceneauer.com](#)) has set up shop. Another luxury bespoke tailor, Galard ([galard.cz](#)), is located at Petřská 4. Original fashion for men and women awaits its customers in the showroom of talented designer Hana Zárubová ([hanazarubova.cz](#)); in the studio of acclaimed jewellery designer Věra Nováková ([vera-novakova.cz](#)) you can once again admire the limited edition of jewellery designs (both at Biskupský dvůr 6, 2nd floor). On the ground floor of the same building, you can see (and buy) art items, jewellery, and applied art all made from metal at KusKovu ([kuskovu.cz](#)). On display here is the work of primarily Czech artists, artist black-

smiths, and jewellers. They place heavy emphasis on originality and professional execution. Ladies of all ages will delight in the LucieLa Taschen (Petřská 10; [lucielataschen.com](#)) shop, where tasteful handmade purses and bags are on offer. Showroom (Klimentská 3; [showroomdot.cz](#)) is a natural inclusion in the above list – it combines a workshop, studio, and fashion shop in one. This artistic platform brings together several Czech fashion designers from various branches of fashion. Worth a mention is Naoko ([naoko.cz](#)), located at Revoluční 24 – a source for innovative and imaginative housewares.

Most of the area's design shops are part of the Tour de Petřská project ([tourdepetrska.com](#)), the aim of which is to present this district to the public not only as a beautiful historical part of Prague but also as a centre of contemporary design. The organizers regularly hold various community meetups, workshops, exclusive sales, and other events. The project also includes some local restaurants, bistros, bars, and cafés. We'll present a wide selection of culinary establishments in the Petřská district below.

📍 The stately architecture of the Church of St Peter even charmed composer Antonín Dvořák, who married Anna Cermáková here on November 17, 1873.

Don't miss:

Palace Archa

📍 Na Poříčí 24 [palacarcha.cz](#)

The complex consists of four buildings with separate entrances, functionally interconnected through a picturesque green atrium. The most valuable part is the listed building of the former Legio-bank, constructed in 1923 by the famous Czech architect Josef Gočár in a specifically Czech style called Rondocubism.

Church of St Clement

📍 Klimentská [anglican.cz](#) [kliment.evangelnet.cz](#)

Religious monument with a distinctive yellow façade, whose history dates back to the 10th century. Today the church is the seat of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren and is also used by the local Anglican-Episcopal parish. Czech services take place every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; Anglican services take place every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (in English).

New Mill Water Tower (Novomlýnská vodárenská věž)

📍 Nové mlýny 827/3A [muzeumprahy.cz](#)

An industrial building from the second half of the 17th century that served as a water reservoir for the adjacent part of the New Town. In the tower is a fascinating exhibition about Prague fires in the past and the history of Prague firefighters.

Archa Theatre

📍 Na Poříčí 26 [divadloarcha.cz](#)

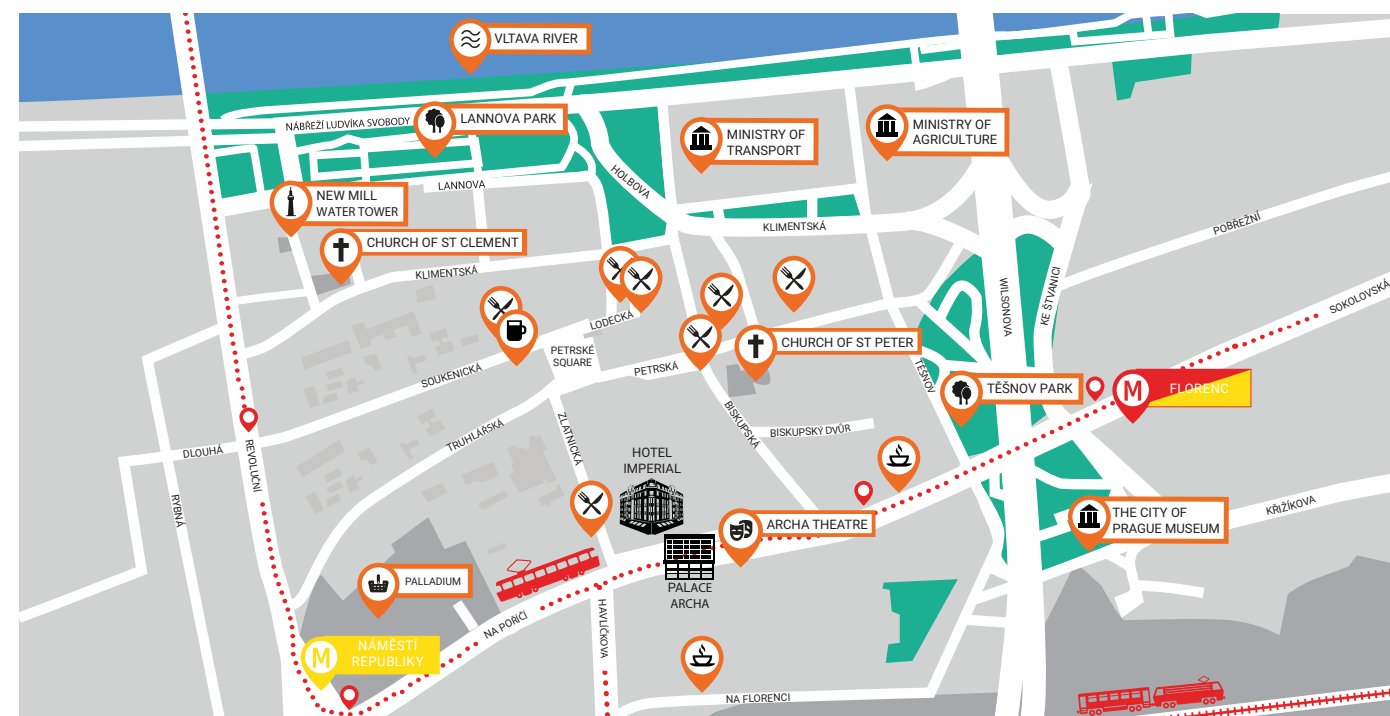
Alternative theatre scene for critical and demanding audiences; a centre for performing arts that blurs the boundaries between genres. With a range of innovative projects, Archa has gained a reputation as an important and progressive cultural institution. A large part of the repertoire is suitable for foreign visitors (in the programme on the website, these performances are labelled "English-friendly").

For Coffee, Lunch, or Dinner:

Café Imperial

📍 Na Poříčí 15 [cafeimperial.cz](#)

If there is any place in Prague today whose interior exudes the charm and history of the First Republic (1918-1938), it's the luxurious Art Nouveau restaurant Café Imperial. Choose from an exten-



sive breakfast menu or a wide selection of desserts. The menu includes the best Czech classic dishes with a modern twist.

EMA Espresso Bar

📍 Na Florenci 3 [emaesspresso.cz](#)

The most popular, the busiest, and definitely one of the best espresso bars in Prague. It's always busy at EMA – the hissing of the coffee machine doesn't stop for a second all day.

Grand Cru Restaurant & Bar

📍 Lodecká 4 [grand-cru.cz](#)

Luxury wine bar and restaurant operated by one of the largest importers of Czech wines and high-end spirits. Here you'll find an incredibly extensive wine list with 1,500 different wines as well as delicious cuisine.

Gulden Draak Bierhuis

📍 Soukenická 34 [guldenbraak.cz](#)

This original Belgian beer bar offers sixteen Belgian beers on draft and over 100 others by the bottle.

Home by Unic

📍 Soukenická 25 [home-restaurant.cz](#)

A designer hotel restaurant with a very untraditional concept. The menu presents foods grouped by their source or origin of the primary ingredient into sections: from the garden, from the forest, from the field, and from the lake and river.

K The Two Brothers Restaurant

📍 Petřská 12 [indian-restaurant-prague.com](#)

This renowned luxury restaurant offers its guests authentic Indian cuisine, on par with only a handful of similar restaurants in Prague.

Next Door by Imperial

📍 Zlatnická 3 [next-door.cz](#)

Famous TV chef Zdeněk Pohlreich's new establishment offers a unique combination of an open kitchen, great service, and excellent modern Czech cuisine made from the highest quality ingredients. The interplay of Parisian bistro style and regional cuisine is presented in the highest possible quality.

Czech Christmas, Then and Now



Although the Czech Republic is one of the world's most secular countries, Christmas (December 24-26) is celebrated here with great zeal. While for many countries Christmas proper begins on December 25, here the Christmas Eve dinner and gift-unwrapping ritual on the 24th are at the heart of the holiday.

If you're planning to be in Prague around this time, be sure to book your restaurant meals in advance as many businesses will be closed. The first visible signs of the arrival of Christmas are, of course, the omnipresent Christmas markets. Among the items on sale are often hand-blown, colourful glass Christmas ornaments; their manufacture has been a traditional craft in the Czech Lands for centuries, even though the designs have changed with the times.



Next in importance comes St Nicholas' Night. On the evening of December 5, St Nicholas (Mikuláš in Czech) and his two side-kicks – a devil and an angel – can be seen roaming the streets, visiting the homes of young children and dispensing sweets and fruit (plus pieces of coal to those whose behaviour has been in need of improvement). Mikuláš casts an imposing figure, wearing a bishop's robes, mitre, and staff (crozier); his flowy beard is white, like Santa Claus, but there the resemblance ends. After finishing their rounds, the many Nicholases and their entourage can oft be seen partying in the city centre – join them at your own risk.

A week or so before Christmas, huge tubs of water can be seen all over the city, filled with live carp – a future Christmas Eve meal for traditionally-minded Czechs. The ritual of picking out your own live carp and having it killed on the spot or bringing it home alive to swim out its last hours in a bath tub is part and parcel of Czech culture, even though in recent years many have switched from local carp to more exotic (and less bony) fish. Restaurants do, of course, know that the appeal of fried carp is somewhat limited outside our borders, so visitors needn't worry that carp will be the only choice for their festive meal.

Christmas Markets

Prague Castle

📍 23 Nov-6 Jan

Come and experience the Christmas atmosphere in the world's largest castle complex. A quality range of carefully selected products can be found on the square behind the Cathedral of Sts. Vitus, Wenceslas and Adalbert.



Photo: ASTACUS, s.r.o.

Old Town Square

📍 30 Nov-6 Jan

The most popular markets, set in the fairy-tale scenery of historic houses; musical performances by folk, ethnic and children's ensembles from all over Czechia and abroad; programme slots for everyone, big and small.

Wenceslas Square

📍 30 Nov-6 Jan

Markets in the very heart of Prague, where the metro lines meet. A festively lit Christmas tree, stalls with samples of folk crafts and traditional fare.

Tylovo náměstí

📍 26 Nov-24 Dec

More compact markets full of Christmas mood in a quiet part of Royal Vinohrady.

náměstí Míru

📍 20 Nov-24 Dec

The traditional Christmas market in the central plaza of Vinohrady. Lots of stalls selling a wide range of Christmas products springing up in front of the brick Church of St Ludmila.

náměstí Republiky

📍 30 Nov-30 Dec

A wide variety of Christmas goods and food stalls in the zone between two large department stores – Kotva and the Palladium.

Anděl – pedestrian zone

📍 30 Nov-23 Dec

Christmas markets in the Smíchov district, in the pedestrian zone right at the Anděl metro station. The decorative wooden stalls offer the traditional Christmas assortment.

Kampa park

📍 8 Dec-6 Jan

This market stands against the evocative backdrop of Kampa island in the square beneath Charles Bridge, between the main flow of the Vltava river and the 'Devil's watercourse' Čertovka, within sight of Prague Castle.

Prague Exhibition Grounds

📍 29 Nov-1 Dec

You can buy Christmas decorations, gifts, craft artifacts, cookies, mulled mead and wine, Christmas punch, and other goodies.

New Town Hall

📍 30 Nov-1 Dec

Once again this event is one to be enjoyed by families with kids, food lovers and arts fans. The weekend will encompass a French market, a show of railway models, theatrical and singing performances.

'In search of the Nativity scenes'

The magic of Christmas Nativity scenes is a traditional highlight of the holidays and a salute to the craftsmanship of our ancestors. Nativity scenes of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem are on display in most churches typically from 24 December to early January, or even longer. Here are some tips:



Věra Strnadová, Nativity Scene from gingerbread

© Nativity Scenes in the Bethlehem Chapel 2017

Cathedral of Sts. Vitus, Wenceslas and Adalbert

📍 Prague Castle, Prague 1 – Hradčany

Church of the Virgin Mary Angelic

📍 Lorentánské náměstí 6, Prague 1 – Hradčany

St Thomas Church

📍 Josefská 8, Prague 1 – Lesser Town

Church of Our Lady of the Snows

📍 Jungmannovo náměstí 18, Prague 1 – New Town

Church of our Lady before Týn

📍 Old Town Square, Prague 1 – Old Town

St Ignatius Church

📍 Ječná 2, Prague 2 – New Town

St Ludmila Church

📍 náměstí Míru, Prague 2 – Vinohrady

St Matthew Church

📍 U Matěje, Prague 6 – Dejvice

St Anthony of Padua Church

📍 Strossmayerovo náměstí, Prague 7 – Holešovice

📍 For more information, go to [prague.eu/christmas](#)

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Calendar of Events

We've put together a selection of the most exciting events that will take place this winter in Prague. You can find hundreds of others on our website at prague.eu, as well as details regarding programmes, tickets, and more.



Photo: Petr Šis, Hombook, The Continent of Birds

Beautiful Madonnas

6 Dec-19 Apr [National Gallery Prague – Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia, Anežská 12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [nprague.cz](#)
In approximately 1400, depictions of the elegantly posing young Mother of Jesus with a crown wearing a flowing robe and holding the naked Infant Jesus in her arms – the Beautiful Madonnas – enjoyed great popularity all over Europe. The exhibition displays around thirty significant artworks in the Beautiful style, some that were discovered only recently, and several which are on display for the first time.



Madonna from Hluboká nad Vltavou, 1400, National Gallery Prague

Devětsil

27 Nov-26 Apr [Prague City Gallery – House at the Stone Bell, Old Town Square 13, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [ghmp.cz](#)
The Czech artistic avant-garde of the 1920s has been the subject of many exhibitions, but never before has it been presented as a whole with new research findings. Until today. This exhibition presents the artistic association in all its forms, from painting to architecture through photography, film and theatre. It uses architectural and stage design models, film screenings, sound recordings, and digitalised magazines.

Design

Dyzajn market Winter

30 Nov & 1 Dec [Václav Havel Square, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [dyzajnmaket.com](#)
14 & 15 Dec [Prague Exhibition Grounds, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#)
The largest open-air sales exhibition of handcrafted items. Experience this year's Christmas shopping a bit differently – in an original manner, no crowded shopping centres. Dyzajn Market makes holiday gift shopping much more pleasant – buy everything you need in one place out in the fresh air, without jostling crowds or long queues.



Photo: Karel Křemholec, Dyzajn Market

Czech Design Week – Autumn

11-15 Dec [Prague Congress Centre, 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [czechdesignweek.com](#)
A design show displaying the most interesting works by Czech and international designers with an emphasis on authenticity and personal approach. Come and see the best of Czech glass, porcelain, jewellery, children's interiors, original toys, and graphic and industrial design.

Bořek Šípek: Retrospect

22 Mar [Dancing House Gallery, Jiráskovo náměstí 6, Prague 2 – New Town](#) [galerietancidium.cz](#)
Šípek's works admired for the extravagant shapes and playful colourfulness have their place in famous galleries and museums all over the world. At the exhibition, visitors will see almost 300 art & decorative works incl. furniture, lamps, crystal chandeliers, vases, bowls or glass sculptures and other decorative items.

Pleid of Glass 1946–2019

31 Dec, 2020 [Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague, 17. listopadu 2, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [upm.cz](#)
Come and see works of modern art glass from the extremely valuable collection of the Museum of Decorative Arts. The collection comprises the best and most famous studio glass sculptures that illustrate the myriad paths of artistic glassmaking in the second half of the 20th century, highlighting the works of the most significant artists in the field.

Festivals

DSA International Christmas Festival

1 Dec [Hilton Prague, Pobřežní 1, Prague 8 – Karlín](#) [dsaprague.org](#)
Congress Hall at the Hilton Prague turns into a huge market where visitors can buy unusual gifts from around the world: jewellery, silk, cashmere, cosmetics, toys, as well as food, wine, cheeses, spices and much more.

Czech Touches of Music

16 Dec-6 Jan [Prague – various venues](#) [ceskedotekyhudby.cz](#)
The festival is one of the largest events of its kind in the Czech Republic. It focuses on classical and orchestral music, ancient and chamber music, as well as crossover. The opening concert takes place every year at Prague Castle on Beethoven's birthday, and the closing performance in the Municipal House on the Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings' Day).

Grand Restaurant Festival 2020

15 Jan-28 Feb [Prague – various venues](#) [grandrestaurantfestival.cz](#)
A culinary feast for foodies that makes it possible for anyone interested in high-quality food to visit the best and often more expensive restaurants. Enjoy specialities from the most interesting restaurants from Maurer's Grand Restaurant Guide at special festival prices.

Classical Music

Prague Spring International Music Festival 2020

12 Dec / ticket presales [festival.cz](#)
One of the most famous domestic music events won't take place until spring, but ticket sales traditionally start on December 12.

Czech Philharmonic / Leonidas Kavakos

19, 20 & 21 Dec [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží embankment 79/12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
Less than two weeks before the beginning of 2020, the Czech Philharmonic opens the series of celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven. It's hard to imagine a more emotionally powerful start than performances of his Violin Concerto and Third Symphony. Leonidas Kavakos returns to Prague, this time as a violinist and conductor.

Gala Concert for the Reopening of the State Opera

5 Jan [State Opera House, Wilsonova 4, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
On January 5, 2020, exactly 132 years since it first opened, the State Opera House, one of the most beautiful theatre buildings in Europe, will re-open after an extensive renovation. On this occasion, the programme will include selected arias, ensembles, and overtures that symbolize critical moments in Czech operatic history and other significant historical events. Under the baton of music director of the State Opera Karl-Heinz Steffens, renowned soloists, foreign guests, and the State Opera Orchestra and Choir will perform.

Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra: Tchaikovsky's Pathétique

6 Jan [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží embankment 79/12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [prso.czechradio.eu](#)
The Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra's first concert in the new year promises a fusion of Russian and English culture. The programme includes Benjamin Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes, Shostakovich's Six Romances on Verses by English Poets, and finally the popular Pathétique by Tchaikovsky.

Adam Plachetka: No Limits

16 Jan [O2 Arena, Českomoravská 1, Prague 9 – Vysočany](#) [o2arena.cz](#)
A leading Czech opera singer, bass-baritone Adam Plachetka shines primarily on international stages. After performances at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, the Vienna State Opera, and the National Opera of Paris, he will perform for the first time in his career with a private concert at O2 Arena.

Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK: Absolute Tribute to Beethoven

5 & 6 Feb [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [fok.cz](#)
In 2020, when Ludwig van Beethoven celebrates his 250th birthday, he deserves all the respect we can offer. Orchestras can do it by including overtures, solo concerts with fantastic soloists, or one of his symphonies in their programme. Or, like the Prague Symphony Orchestra, do all three at once.

PKF – Prague Philharmonia: Mozart. Schubert. Berio

9 Feb [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží embankment 79/12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [pkf.cz](#)
"We can not lose hope in humanity when we know that Mozart was a man." Supposedly a quote by Einstein, it demonstrates what a significant place Mozart occupies even outside the history of music. The Prague Philharmonic's February concert is devoted to those composers and writers who took inspiration from his music.

Czech Philharmonic / Rudolf Buchbinder

26, 27 & 28 Feb [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží embankment 79/12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
The programme features Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and First Piano Concerto along with a suite from the high Baroque opera Hippolyte and Aricie by Jean-Philippe Rameau. The Czech Philharmonic will accompany the phenomenal Austrian pianist Rudolf Buchbinder.



Photo: Petr Šis, Concert Hall

Other Music Genres

Beth Hart

6 Dec [Forum Karlín, Pernerova 53, Prague 8 – Karlín](#) [forumkarlin.cz](#)
The excellent American blues-rock singer with her stunning, gritty contralto captivates audiences all over the world. Her voice is unmistakable; the energy of her concerts is unforgettable. Beth has performed in the Czech Republic regularly for several years now and with each performance wins the heart of a growing number of fans.



Photo: Miroslav Holý, www.puffin.com

ABBA Mania

17 Dec [Lucerna Palace – Great Hall, Štěpánská 61, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [lucerna.cz](#)
During this nearly two-hour revival-style production, you'll hear all of ABBA's biggest hits – Waterloo, Money Money Money, Take a Chance, Mamma Mia, Fernando, Chiquitita, Winner Takes It All, SOS, Super Trouper, and Dancing Queen. A special projection, decorations, and period costumes enhanced the performance atmosphere.

Keane

2 Feb [Forum Karlín, Pernerova 53, Prague 8 – Karlín](#) [forumkarlin.cz](#)
One of the most successful British bands of the last two decades and alternative rock sensation who prefer piano over guitars in their music. The band took a break for a few years but is back with a new album and concert tour.

Five Finger Death Punch

14 Feb [Tipsport arena Prague, Za Elektrárnou 419, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [tipsportarena-praha.cz](#)
Despite their name, this popular band from Las Vegas plays very melodic metal and is one of the most played bands on US rock radio stations. Appearing with them as the main guest is the legendary Megadeth – ensuring fans a high-quality gig. FFDP has played at the biggest international music festivals and every year sell out concert halls all over the world.

Theatre, Ballet, Opera

Leonce & Lena

Premières 30 Nov & 1 Dec; other dates on the theatre website [Estates Theatre, Železná, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
The famous German choreographer Christian Spuck created the ballet Leonce and Lena in 2008. A dancing fairy tale based on the satirical comedy has enjoyed great success on prestigious stages in Europe and overseas.

Turandot

Premières 23 & 25 Jan; other dates on the theatre website [National Theatre, Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
Turandot is not only Puccini's final opera but on a symbolic level the "last man standing" of the Golden Age of Italian Romantic opera. The opera returns to the National Theatre stage after an absence of over forty years. The performance includes English surtitles.

STOMP

21-26 Jan [Prague Congress Centre, 5. května 65, Prague 4 – Nusle](#) [praguecc.cz](#)
Dance shows in which performers use everything from lighters and cans to garbage bins and the kitchen sink to create amazing rhythms. Get ready for a unique mix of percussion, dance, theatre and comedy with a great musical soundtrack inspired by the bustle of everyday life.

Don't Quijote

Première 10 Feb; other dates on the theatre website [Jatka78, Bubenské nábřeží embankment 7, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [jatka78.cz](#)
A project written by two life-long friends and outstanding personalities of the Circus La Putyka, Jiří Kohout and Rostislav Novák Jr, that bounces between drama, motion and puppet theatre.

Christmas

Prague at Christmas is especially rich in cultural offerings. In addition to the events listed below, you can also find inspiration on our landing page prague.eu/christmas.



Christmas and New Year's Concerts

G. F. Händel: Messiah
10 Dec [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží embankment 79/12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [collegium1704.com](#)
One would be hard-pressed to find a more renowned work in the oratorio repertoire than Handel's Messiah. Soon after its completion, the impressive composition gained extraordinary popularity and became one of the cornerstones of the English oratorio tradition.

Christmas Variations

18 & 19 Dec [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [fok.cz](#)
Christmas is traditionally full of fairy tales. The Prague Symphony Orchestra with conductor Jac van Steen will perform three such stories. Helping the orchestra achieve a successful performance is leading Canadian cellist Jean-Guihen Queyras, who will play with the Orchestra for the first time.

Advent Gospels 2019

19 & 20 Dec [Church of St Anne – Prague Crossroads Centre, Liliová, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [praguecrossroads.com](#)
The excellent gospel ensemble Stella Jones & The Christmas Singers are heading once again to the Czech Republic. The group brings together talents with unique vocal abilities, which, in conjunction with traditional gospel elements, guarantees an intense cultural experience.

Christmas Concert of Opera Talents

20 Dec [New Town Hall, Karlovo náměstí 1/23, Prague 2 – New Town](#) [nachtigallartists.cz](#)
Singers Laďa Bočková, Tereza Hořejšová, and Boris Prýgl are linked not only by their youth but also by their unrestrained presence on the opera stage.

Christmas Concert

21 Dec [Estates Theatre, Železná, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
The interior of the Estates Theatre will echo to the sounds of three Christmas concerts by the Kühn Children's Choir in one day.

Czech Christmas Mass

25 Dec [Church of Sts. Simon and Jude, Dušní, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [fok.cz](#)
Ryba's traditional mass as performed by the Prague Symphonic Orchestra and the Kühn Mixed Choir. And as usual, the audience will be expected to join in singing with the choir.

Prague Philharmonic Orchestra: New Year's Eve Concert

31 Dec [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [praguephilharmonic.com](#)
Come on the eve of the end of the year to enjoy the most famous compositions by Smetana, Dvořák, Tchaikovsky, Puccini, Verdi, and Strauss.

Prague Symphony Orchestra FOK: New Year's Day Concert

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The arrival of a new year is always festive, cheerful and full of positive expectations. Antonín Dvořák's Slavonic Dances are all this and more and are performed regularly by the musicians of the Prague Symphony Orchestra every New Year.

Czech Philharmonic: New Year's Day Concert

1 Jan [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží embankment 79/12, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)
The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra welcomes the New Year in "Czech style" with four works, each of which is an ultimate musical celebration. The programme includes works by Dvořák, Smetana, Suk, and Janáček.

Christmas Exhibitions

Christmas in the Old Days

29 Nov-1 Jan [Botanical Garden of the Natural Sciences Faculty of Charles University, Na Slupi 16, Prague 2 – New Town](#) [vanocni-vystava.cz](#)
The atmosphere of Christmas also pervades the university botanical gardens. Filling the greenhouse are trees, ornaments, nativity scenes - not just historical, but also new ones, based on Czech traditions.

A Look Back at Christmas

30 Nov-2 Jan [Bethlehem Chapel, Betlémské náměstí 4, Prague – Old Town](#) [vanocnivystava.cz](#)
This year's anniversary exhibition will present the most interesting from previous exhibitions. Thematically it will be divided into four areas: folk crafts, Christmas decorations, nativity scenes, and Christmas customs.

Exhibition of Historical and Contemporary Nativity Scenes

30 Nov-5 Jan [Ambit Gallery – Church of Our Lady of the Snows, Jungmannovo náměstí 18, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [betlemklub.cz](#)
A variety of historical and contemporary nativity scenes, including Jiří Votruba's Mechanical Nativity Scene (4.5 m long) and one constructed in Třešť design tradition with historical figures carved by wood carver Boudný (3 x 2.5 m).

Třešť Nativity Scenes in the Jindřišská Tower

29 Nov-2 Feb [Jindřišská Tower, Jindřišská, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [jindriskavez.cz](#)
Hand-carved nativity scenes, accompanied by the fragrances of fresh moss and pine, are testaments to the skilled hands of Třešť nativity scene carvers. Visitors can enjoy the Christmas atmosphere of nativity scenes from Třešť (a town in the Bohemian Highlands) on the second and third floors of the Jindřišská Tower. Třešť nativity scenes have a 200-year-old tradition and are some of the most popular in the Czech Republic.

Nativity Scenes in the Charles Bridge Museum

1 Dec-2 Feb [Charles Bridge Museum, Křižovnické náměstí 3, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [muzeumkarlovamostu.cz](#)
Don't miss the traditional Straw Nativity Scene with life-size figures of the Holy Family and animals, the Vltava Fish Nativity Scene carved from linden wood, or the nativity scene carved from African mahogany.

Christmas Theater Shows

The Nutcracker on Ice

7 Dec [Tipsport Arena Prague, Za Elektrárnou 417, Prague 7 – Holešovice](#) [tipsportarena-praha.cz](#)
Enjoy the glorious poetic tale in a completely new presentation with sumptuous costumes and elaborate sets. An ice show full of big names from the world figure skating scene awaits you.

The Nutcracker: A Christmas Story

10, 11 & 12 Dec; other dates on the theatre website [National Theatre, Národní 2, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
The beloved Christmas fairy tale with the magical music of Tchaikovsky has been one of the most popular children's ballets since its premiere. For many years now, the impressive performances have enriched Prague's holiday atmosphere and are a beautiful gift for young and old alike.

New Year's Eve With Mozart

31 Dec [Estates Theatre, Železná, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [narodni-divadlo.cz](#)
Let yourself be swept away into the era of classicism and celebrate the New Year in the spirit of Mozart. Enjoy the genius' most popular arias and opera scenes, a lavish buffet, a New Year's toast, and dancing on the stage accompanied by live music.

Other Events

Lamplighter on Charles Bridge

1-23 Dec [Charles Bridge, Prague 1 – Old Town](#) [prague.eu](#)
As in previous years, during the Advent time, you can meet a lamplighter in period costume on Charles Bridge, who will light the gas lamps with a long pole at around 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Video-mapping

1 Jan [Wenceslas Square, Prague 1 – New Town](#) [prague.eu](#)
The grandiose fireworks that welcomed the new year in Prague are a thing of the past. On the first day of 2020, a video-mapping light show will be projected on the façade of the National Museum. The screening will start at 6.15 p.m. and it will be repeated three times every hour.

Three Kings Procession

5 Jan from 2:00 p.m. [Prague – city centre](#) [praha.charita.cz](#)
The traditional procession is part of the celebration of the Epiphany (Feast of the Three Kings), which takes place as part of the Three Kings charity collection to help those in need. From the Lesser Town Square, the three kings astride camels set off on a procession across the Charles Bridge to Old Town Square, where you will hear Ryba's Czech Christmas Mass.





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