

# Accommodation

Now that you've finally settled into the city, friends and family are sure to come knocking at your door. If you don't have the space to accommodate them, be prepared to share your insider knowledge of the city's hotels, hostels, and pensions. Keep a few things in mind as you search for lodging for your loved ones:

## Hostel, Pension, Hotel or Apartment?

### Hostels and Pensions

Hostels are dormitory style rooms often with shared kitchen, bathroom, or lounge. Some include breakfast (for a fee) or other services like free internet access. Hostels are a good bet for travelers on a budget – prices can run anywhere from 250 CZK a night per person to 1000 CZK for a group. Note that some hostels are closed during the off season. Pensions (sometimes referred to as Bed and Breakfasts) are privately owned, often family run guesthouses (sometimes in historic areas), in which you can rent a room with shared bathroom. Rooms with a private bathroom are more expensive – either way you'll want to bring your own towels and toiletries! Breakfast is usually included in the price; some pensions even have a dining room where dinner is served. Pensions aren't as expensive as a full-service hotels (prices don't normally go beyond 2,000 CZK per room) and they are a bit of a step up from a hostel, making them a nice compromise for those who seek affordable accommodation but aren't comfortable with dorm-style living.

### Hotels

The global standards of two-star, three-star, four-star, and five-star also apply to Czech hotels – with a few differences. Internationally, the five-star label refers to hotels that have all the bells and whistles – parking, a pool, gym, salon, executive suites, etc. But some of the grandest hotels in Prague, though they carry the five-star label, are located in historically protected buildings which limits the amount of renovations and updates allowed on the premises. The rooms are likely spacious and luxurious but you might not find some of the more modern amenities you would expect from five-star lodging.

Four-star hotels offer the same amenities as five-star hotels; they're just a little less glamorous. Rooms should all have mini-bars, satellite television, complimentary toiletries, hairdryers, and alarm clocks. Not all of them feature air-conditioning, bathtubs, bathrobes, and slippers – if these items are must-haves it's best to ask about them before you book. A four-star hotel should also have an elevator, but in Prague these can be far too minuscule to accommodate a wheelchair and you'll have to climb a few steps before you reach the lift.

You'll find little or no difference between two- and three-star hotels. The star rating is typically based on types of facilities provided, but there is no unified ranking system in place throughout Europe. The absence of an elevator, for instance, may send a three-star hotel back down to the two-star range even though the hotel boasts gorgeous rooms and impeccable service. It's safe to say that most three-star facilities are characterized by an unimpressive facade and outdated furniture; two-star facilities may be similar to that of a pension, though they often serve an evening meal. Three-stars may house a restaurant or bar; two-stars may only have snacks and drinks available at the front desk. That said, there are many exceptions to the rule. Prague is home to plenty of lovely two- and three-star hotels that can provide a satisfactory stay and prove good value for the money. If possible, check out the facility on behalf of your guests before they reserve a room.

In terms of price, Prague hotels begin at around 2,000 CZK per night, per person and can climb to upwards of 9,000 CZK per night, per person for swanky five-star places.

### Apartments and Residences

Renting an apartment (sometimes referred to as a "residence") is a good option for value-conscious visitors or those staying for longer than a week or two – though it is possible to rent a flat for a weekend stay. Apartments are typically more spacious than hotels and also cheaper as you don't pay per head. There won't be daily linen service or a maid, but there should be a fully equipped kitchen or kitchenette. Some apartments offer a full tea and coffee service, complete with fresh milk, while others don't even provide towels. Business travelers will find an array of high-quality apartments and residences bedecked with modern interiors, high-speed internet access, and 24-hour reception.

Apartments are available everywhere in Prague. Prices may be based on square meters or number of rooms (not necessarily bedrooms) and will vary greatly in available amenities and condition. When searching listings take note that "3+1" means an apartment with three major rooms (usually two bedrooms and a living room) plus a kitchen. "2+kk" indicates a two-room apartment with a kitchenette. "1+kk" is a studio apartment. Rent can range from 2,000 CZK per night to 10,000 CZK a week and higher for more posh accommodations. Many local realtors keep listings for short-term stays (see our listings as well).

## Location, location, location!

### Staré Město

Within the perimeter of Old Town you'll find everything from dorm-style hostels to luxurious five-star hotels. Of course, many of the very attractions that draw tourists to the city are located here, which means that accommodation prices are substantially higher and parking can be a challenge. But for older guests who don't want to rely on public transportation and can endure the noise and bustle, or for those lucky devils who can afford it, a stay in the heart of the city may be just the thing. Five-star hotels **Grand Hotel Bohemia** and **Hotel Paříž** are spacious throwbacks to another era. The Paříž's glorious Art Nouveau interior is a must-see even if you aren't staying there. The more affordable **Hotel Cloister** Inn is an award-winning three-star in the heart of Old Town. **The Red Chair Pension** is a three-minute walk from the Charles Bridge; **Pension Avalon** overlooks the Havelská market stalls. You won't find frills but you can't beat the location of **The Travellers' Hostel** and **Hostel Týn**.

### Náměstí Republiky

Here you'll find the glorious Municipal House, Powder Tower, and a nice concentration of three- and four-star hotels. The requisite five-star, **Hotel Marriott**, offers all the comforts of a luxury hotel complete with Sunday brunch. On this same stretch of Na Poříčí is the four-star **Hotel Mercure** (the difference between the "standard" and "luxury" room here is negligible) and the three-star **Hotel Ibis Old Town**. **The Clarion** (four-star) is tucked away on a quiet street and **The Botel Albatross**, a three-star riverboat hotel with 82 rooms, will give you something to talk about back home.

### Václavské náměstí

Wenceslas Square does good business in posh hotels and standard pensions (though fewer hostels can be found here) and is quite near the main train station (Hlavní nádraží). Prices are slightly cheaper than Old Town, though you may have to search a bit – probably down one of the Square's quieter side streets – to keep your guests out of earshot of roving bands of beer drinkers. Not quite as corporate in feel as the Marriott or other "frequent flyer" five-star hotels, **Hotel Radisson** neighbors a handful of upscale eateries and boasts a piano bar. **Hotel Jalta's** trendy restaurant **Hot** lends this four-star deluxe establishment an international vibe. Popular with groups, three-star hotel **Holiday Inn by Express** lies adjacent to the train station. Pension B35 is cozy and family-friendly, though about a 15-minute walk to Wenceslas Square. **Hostel Golden Sickle** does



breakfast; highly affordable and charming bed and breakfast Inna Kosova is practically inside the National Museum it's so close!

### Malá Strana

Between the castle and the river lies the Lesser Town, where you won't find many hostels but you will find a smattering of excellent restaurants and some of Prague's most beautiful accommodations, all just a stone's throw from Prague Castle and Charles Bridge. Residing on the more "sedate" side of the Vltava is also an advantage for some. Housed in a 16th-century building and just a few steps from Charles Bridge, breathtaking five-star hotel **The Alchemist Grand Hotel and Spa** is a popular honeymoon destination. Newcomer the **Hotel Mandarin Oriental**, also five-star rated, is a converted monastery. Nearer to Kampa Park is historical **Pension Dientzenhofer** and the no-frills **Hotel Kampa Garden**; both three-stars.

### Anděl/Újezd

You'll have to travel by tram or walk a bit to reach the tourist hotspots from here. But tourists will enjoy the plentiful food, drink, and entertainment offerings – as well as the more "authentic" feel of these neighborhoods. The many shops and theaters here also make Anděl and Újezd inviting places to hang your hat, if only temporarily. Major hub of tourist activity Malostranské náměstí is just a brief walk or tram ride away. Hostels are not to be found here but plenty of mid-priced pensions are. The rooms at the five-star Hotel Riverside offer a lovely Old Town view. Four-star Anděl's Design Hotel is the definition of modernity and minimalist style. The newly renovated three-star **Artesse Hotel** is beloved for location and comfy rooms, restored to replicate the hotel's original early 1900's interior. **Pension Újezd** lies just beneath the awe-inspiring vista of Petřín Hill.

### Vinohrady/Žižkov

Home to quirky cafes, cute boutiques, and raucous pubs, as well as some of the city's tastiest international cuisine. These neighborhoods aren't so close to the city center but are well-served by public transport. Here you'll find hip hostels and pensions at affordable prices. The only five-star accommodation around is **Hotel Le Palais**, consistently ranked as one of Prague's top-five hotels. An in-house wine cellar makes three-star **Hotel Sofia** all the more alluring; the

rooms at the **Mánes Pension** are stylish and elegant. Backpackers enjoy the jovial atmosphere – and hostel bar – at **Žižkov's Clown and Bard Hostel**. **The Czech Inn** has drawn raves from travel writers and tourists alike for its comfortable bar/café, modern design, and friendly, helpful staff.

### Dejvická

Here in the center of Prague 6, consulates and embassies abound. There is a direct bus to the airport and a handful of hotels. The most notable are the four-star **Crowne Plaza** and **Diplomat hotels**. Their proximity to the airport and public transportation makes them a favorite among business travelers. Three-star **Hotel Denisa** is within walking distance of **Dejvická** metro station (which reaches Old Town in just three stops); it's a consistent bed-and-breakfast in a quaint neighborhood, rich with pleasant eateries and pubs. Further afield, **Pension Větrník** is a renovated mill with comfortable rooms (each with private bathroom), tennis courts, and parking. The proprietor Mr. Opatrný will see to your needs personally.

### Vyšehrad

With a whisky bar, bowling alley, massive breakfast buffet (and on Sundays a special brunch for kids), and roof-top pool, the five-star **Corinthia Towers** is the area's most exclusive hotel. (Take note that the pool isn't included in the basic price!). It's also the second largest in Prague. An added bonus: Metro Line C is mere steps from the front doors. **Apartments Vyšehrad** is a six-apartment family-run residence. All apartments are fully furnished and include kitchenettes, and close to the city center via tram. **Hotel u Svatého Jana** is a find with its friendly staff, spacious rooms, and proximity to the center (three stops by tram).

### Outer Prague

**The Hilton Hotel** (Prague 8) is a magnificent hotel in a rather unfortunate location. Old Town is a 30-minute walk from the Hilton and the rooms mainly overlook the highway. But the amenities inside – salon, fitness room, pool, babysitting center – hardly encourage visitors to leave. Three-star **Hotel Opatov** boasts large, bare bones rooms and is a two-minute walk to Metro Line C (**Opatov**). From there it'll take you about 20 minutes to get into the city center. The food here is traditional Czech. It's good value for families and large groups, though only open during the summer season. Near Metro Line B (**Florence**) you'll find **Hotel Mucha**, freshly restored following the 2002 floods. From the eye-pleasing Art Deco decor and clean, simple rooms, the hotel has much to recommend it. **Pension Praha** sits near Chodov Shopping Centrum and Metro Station A (**Chodov**). It's highly affordable with a pool, terrace, and garden. A buffet-style breakfast and internet access are among its other amenities.

## A Few Caveats

What you see is not always what you get. Consider these common advertising ploys before you select a place to stay:

**Mattress Madness** Unless you're staying at a very luxurious hotel, booking a double room with a double bed does not mean you'll get a double mattress. A "double" is comprised of two twin beds, each with a twin mattress, pushed together.

**Not-So-Cool Customers** Only the most deluxe hotels offer air conditioning – although AC is typically only needed a few weeks out of the year here in Prague. Be sure to mention this to guests who are staying during the peak of the summer heat.

**Hidden Costs for Cars** Many small hotels advertise "parking" to lure customers, but then charge for it.

**Beware Breakfast** Unless you're staying at a high-end international chain, breakfast will likely be comprised of a meager spread of dense, dry, Czech bread (chléb), an assortment of bland cheeses, cold cuts, cereal, and yogurt.

**Foiled by Free Internet** Some hotels advertise “free internet,” which simply means that rooms have a modem hook-up. This is acceptable if you have a laptop, but if you don’t and need to rely on a good connection during your stay, always ask before you reserve a room. Some hotels have just one terminal; others have incredibly slow connections and computers that haven’t been properly maintained. For business travel, stick to hotels that promote themselves as business hotels.

**15-minutes? Really?** ‘15 minutes from center by public transportation’ is common hotel jargon. But it’s much more realistic to say that it takes 15 minutes from the moment the metro leaves the station (**Palmovka, Opatov**, or some other distant stop) until it pulls into a destination nearer the center.

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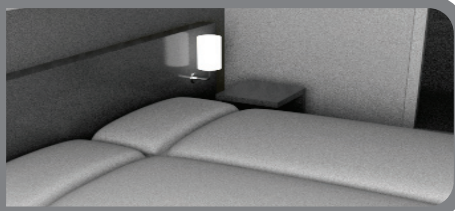
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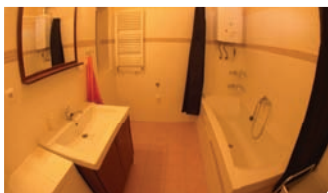
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