

LOCATION

About Prague

Prague is the capital city of the Czech Republic which lies in the heart of Europe, neighbouring with Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Poland. There is a number of non-stop border crossings available with an excellent connection by car, bus, train or plane.

In 1992 the historical centre of Prague covering an area of 866 hectares was listed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Register. Prague was one of the nine cities awarded by the European Community the title of European City of Culture for the year 2000.

"Praga caput regni" has been inscribed in Prague's coat of arms. And rightly so. Since the very beginning, Prague has always played an important role in the history of both the nation, country and Europe. Since the Middle Ages, Prague has been known as one of the most beautiful cities of the world, and has been attributed adjectives such as "golden", "city of hundred spires", "the crown of the world", "a stone dream".

Prague represents a unique collection of historical monuments dominated by Prague Castle which towers high above the city. It merges all artistic and architectonic styles and movements. The historical core of the city is situated on both banks of the Vltava river and consists of 6 parts - formerly independent urban units unified in the 18th century. They are as follows: Stare Mesto (Old Town), Josefov (the preserved part of the former Jewish Town - today part of the Old Town), Nove Mesto (New Town), Mala Strana (Lesser Town), Hradcany and Vysehrad. Naturally, most of the historical monuments, museums and galleries are concentrated there.



About the venue for

The academic sessions (Day 1)

The exhibition (Day 2)

Hotel Diplomat

Evropská 15

Praha 6

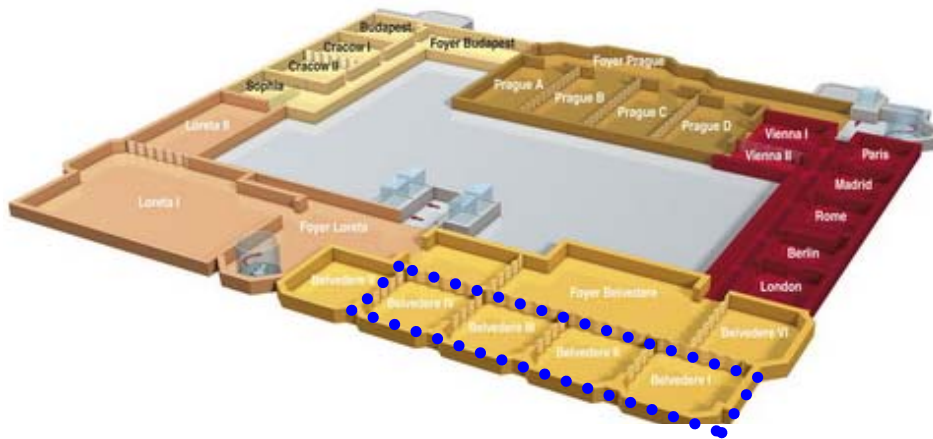
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www.hoteldiplomat.cz



Prague Hotel Diplomat is luxury 4-star Prague hotel located on the very edge of historic Prague centre - it takes only 10 minutes to get to hotel from the Prague Airport Ruzyně. Prague Hotel Diplomat is situated close to the Prague Castle and is surrounded mainly by diplomatic residences. There are 398 standard/superior rooms and suites. A specially equipped room for disabled people is also available.

The spacious Conference Centre is located on the 2nd floor and has a total surface of 1 600m² conference space. There are 22 different rooms for up to 1050 people. All conference premises are fully air-conditioned and offer high speed internet access, flexible room-size, latest technical devices, electronic navigation system and handicap access.



TRAVEL

How to reach Prague

Travelling by plane

The modern city airport, Ruzyně, is situated about 20 km northwest of the city centre. There are direct flights from most major European cities.

Facilities in the main building include a 24-hour money exchange office, a few ATMs, fast food places, several travel and accommodation agencies, rental car companies, a post office. There is also a 24-hour left luggage service in the Arrival Hall.

Travelling by train

Domestic services are provided by ČD (Czech Railways). There are number of daily connections to Prague from major European cities.

Train Stations: Hlavní nádraží is the biggest and main railway station in Prague. There are a 24 hour left-luggage service, food stalls, information and booking offices.

Information on rail connections are available on Tel: +420-224 224 200 or online

<http://www.cd.cz/static/eng/>

Travelling by coach

The city main bus terminal is Florenc situated on the eastern edge of the New Town easily accessible by tube (yellow line B and red line C) and trams. The majority of internal coaches are run by ČSAD.

Information on bus connection is available on www.jizdnirady.cz

Numerous international coach services are run by Bohemia Euroexpress International (Křižíkova 4-6, Prague 8 - Florenc, Tel: +420-224 814 450, +420-224 218 680, www.bei.cz).

How to reach the venue

Timetables are available at the airport information office in the main hall or on www.dpp.cz.

Directions from the airport:

- Bus No. 119 to the stop Dejvicka (final stop)

Directions from the Main station (Hlavní nadrazi):

- Underground (Metro) line C to Muzeum (1 station)
- Change to the line A and go to the station Dejvicka (final stop)

Directions from the Holesovice station (Holesovicke nadrazi):

- Underground (Metro) line C to Muzeum (4 stations)
- Change to the line A and go to the station Dejvicka (final stop)

