

Why Czechia?

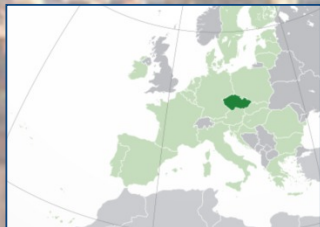
Every two years we offer an international opportunity to the Scouts. We visit countries and places you wouldn't normally go to on a family holiday, so giving a unique experience. In the past we have stayed in an alpine building in Adelboden in Switzerland, a converted school house in a small village called Domos on the bank of the Danube in Hungary, a Castle in the town of Rieneck in Germany, Hostels in Reykjavik in Iceland, on the bank of lake Bohinj in Slovenia, in Malmedy in the Ardennes in Belgium, on the outskirts of the city of Krakow in Poland and near the Dutch coast in Noordwijk in the The Netherlands.

Although many Scouts may have heard of Czechia (or Czech Republic) how many have spent a week there? By going to this country it will offer the young people cultural experiences and activities in a memorable location showing them there are far more countries and places to visit rather than just the everyday ones that you hear about. In 2025 we will be staying in the district of Maniny in Prague, which is out of the city centre away from the hustle and bustle.

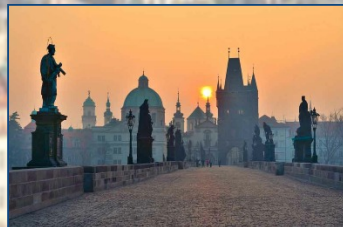
About Czechia & Prague

Czechia, also known as The Czech Republic, is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Historically known as Bohemia, it is bordered by Austria to the south, Germany to the west, Poland to the northeast, and Slovakia to the southeast. Czechia has a hilly landscape that covers an area of 78,871 square kilometers (30,452 sq mi). On average, summer temperatures are about 20-30°C.

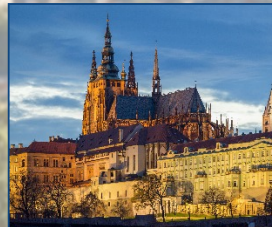
Prague, capital city of the Czechia, is bisected by the Vltava River. Nicknamed "the City of a Hundred Spires," it's known for its Old Town Square, the heart of its historic core, with colourful baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock, which gives an animated hourly show. Prague's population is 1.309m (2019).



Czechia



Charles Bridge



Prague Castle

When are we going?

The Hostel is booked from Friday 1st August to Saturday 9th August 2025. However, we will only be staying 7 nights, so either Fri-Fri or Sat-Sat. The departure and return time is yet to be confirmed as this depends on the availability and cost of flights. Currently Friday flights are better times and prices. This is the second week of the Summer Holidays so will still give families the opportunity to have a week away together later during the six week break.

Who is the Trip for?

The trip is open to current Scouts (that will still be in Scouts at the time of the trip), those that will have moved up from Cubs and any new members that are expected to have joined at least 3 months before the departure date. **EVERYONE MUST BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SCOUTING.**

How many can go?

We have booked rooms for 32 Scouts (16 beds each for girls\boys). More rooms may be available at the hostel if we don't leave it too long to book extras. The rooms will be single sex with ensuite facilities.

Where are we staying?

We will be staying at the Plus Hostel Prague. Located just a 10 minute metro ride from the Prague city centre. We will be staying full board which means breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals are all supplied by the hostel - giving us more time to do activities and enjoy the local customs and culture.

Within the hostels grounds there is plenty of outdoor and indoor common seating areas, a volley ball court, pool table, a gym and even a salt water swimming pool. There are snack and drink vending machines and when open an outside kiosk\bar to get cold drinks from.



Plus Hostel

How much will it cost?

We have already got some guaranteed prices for 2025 for activities etc. and have secured some funding to bring the cost down. This means at the current exchange rate the cost is estimated at £495. If it is slightly more, then there will be an additional payment in July 2025 to cover the excess. Payments will be collected by monthly by Standing Order.

What does the cost include?

The fee of £495 includes, accommodation, all meals, activities, trips, tours, days out, uniform badge, and T-shirt(s).

What is not included?

The cost does not include transport or travel insurance. The cost of the coaches and public transport in Czechia will be achieved through grants. The cost of the coach to UK airport and flights will be additional. Once flights are on sale we will be able to work out the best combination of coach\airport\flights. We will try and offer fundraising opportunities to cover the costs. As travel insurance could go up or down we have kept this separate. Currently it is £14 per person.

What will we be doing?

Here is a brief summary of what we plan to do:-

Walking Tour of Old Town & Prague Castle

Prague is a city filled with history, its magical streets and alleys containing some of Europe's most iconic landmarks. Cobblestone streets lead the way to some of the most beautiful and fascinating monuments. During this 2.5 hours tour we will visit the most important sights in the Old Town and Castle District.

Petrin Tower

The tower is one of the most prominent landmarks of Prague. It was built as part of the Jubilee Exhibition in 1891 as a loose copy inspired by the Eiffel Tower. The 299 steps lead to its peak, which is at the same altitude as the real Eiffel Tower. The view from its top overlooks not only the whole city, but on a clear day you can see nearly all of Bohemia.

Funicular

The funicular railway is one of the oldest in the world and began operation on 25 July 1891. The 510m journey will take you down the hill through the Hunger Wall, which was built by the Emperor and King Charles IV.



What will we be doing continued...

Black Light Theatre

A magical, exciting, interactive 4D show performed totally without words and full of surprises. This visually spectacular performance is designed for the whole family, and tells a familiar story of something that exists within every one of us.

Summer Bobsleigh

For fun and adrenalin look no further than the Bobsleigh Track! The track is 1 km long and features dips and loops. The speed depends on your choice, as it is possible to adjust the speed using the break lever. You can reach up to 62km/h (38mph) if you feel the need for speed.

High Ropes

The High-rope park offers thrill-seekers of all ages an unforgettable experience. Improve your confidence while challenging through the high obstacles on ropes, ladders, bridges, zip lines and various different climbing elements.

National Technical Museum

See the most interesting and in many cases rare and unique exhibits of the collections in one of the most visited museums in the Czechia. The main goal of the museum is to preserve the ingenuity of the past and inspire the future.

Aqua Parks (Aqua Palace Prague & Aqua Park Beron)

During the week we will visit two different Aqua Parks. Both have flumes and other attractions to keep you entertained for a few hours.

River Cruise & Meal

One evening we will go on a cruise on the Vltava river. During the trip you will have a rich banquet of hot and cold dishes to satisfy your taste buds and get to see Prague Castle, the Charles Bridge, the Rudolfinum, National Theatre, Dancing building, and Vysehrad from a different perspective.

Adventure Day

After reaching the region of the River Sazava by the famous scenic train Posazavsky Pacific, prepare for a day of adventure. A hike to the Pepr lookout tower, then on to a disused gold mine for a tour underground. This is followed by lunch and then kayaking on the river before the return journey to Prague.

Koněpruské Caves

The caves originate in 400-million-year-old Devon calcite rocks, consist of three levels to be found 70m under the ground-level, and over 2 km long. The accessible part is 620 m long and the sightseeing tour lasts 1 hour.

Laser Arena

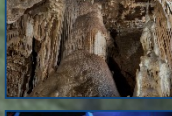
One evening we will walk to the nearby Laser Games for a game (or maybe two) of laser tag in this indoor arena.

Communist Tour

On this tour You can discover the background & stories from the communist time and how life was in Czechoslovakia during communism. Sights include the former secret police building and a unique Cold War relic - a real nuclear bunker from the 1950's, hidden 4 floors deep, built for 5000 people to survive a nuclear blast behind a 4-ton heavy door.

Medieval Meal & Show

We finish the week with a meal out. You will be entertained by dancers on tables, jugglers, swordsmen, fakirs and beggars. You will feat on medieval specialties prepared on an open fire, which are cooked by hand.



AUGUST 2025

PRAGUE CITY & CASTLE TOUR

PETRIN LOOKOUT TOWER

FUNICULAR RAILWAY

BLACKLIGHT THEATRE

SUMMER BOB SLEIGH

HIGH ROPES

AQUA PARKS

RIVER CRUISE & MEAL

SCENIC RAIL RIDE

VISIT GOLD MINE

KAYAKING

CAVE VISIT

LASER GAMES

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

AND MORE!