13th IMISCOE conference in Prague, 30 June – 2 July 2016

Getting around

Prague has a very good public transport system with numerous connections even to places further away from the city centre and a good connectivity even throughout the night. Below we present an overview of what we think is most important for you to know.

Public transport in Prague

The Prague public transport system includes the metro, trams, buses, as well as a few specific means of transport such as the funicular which runs up the hill towards the Petřín view tower and most regular trains, as long as you get on and off at stations within Prague. Even though you will probably not be in a need of using these options, they might be an interesting way to spice up your travelling through the capital!

You can look up the most suitable connections for your trips around Prague using this journey planner. This is easier if you know the names of your start and destination stops/stations, which you can easily check on Google maps. You can also download the planner as a free smartphone app.

Please note that not all public transport and not all metro stations are barrier-free, but most tram and bus lines provide a barrier-free vehicle at least every three connections (you can again use the journey planner to check their timetables). The list of barrier-free metro stations can be found here.

The Prague metro has three lines: A (green), B (red), C (yellow). A map of the metro and tram network can be found here. The metro runs only until midnight. From midnight until approx. 5 am you can use night trams and buses (their numbers start with “5”).

All other information about the Prague public transport system can be found here.

Public transport tickets

All public transport tickets are valid on all the named means of transport.

PLEASE NOTE: All conference participants will be given a FREE 3-DAY PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKET valid from 30 June to 2 July 2016 in their conference bags upon registration. This comes as a friendly donation from the Prague Public Transit Company.

PURCHASING TICKETS: For your trip from the airport or for any travelling around Prague beyond the free ticket’s period of validity, you can purchase either a 90-minute ticket for 32 CZK (1.2 EUR) or a 30-minute one for 24 CZK (0.90 EUR). While the 90-minute ticket will securely suffice for most routes around Prague, the 30-minute one is suitable for trips around the city centre. Again, the journey planner will give you a hint about the time of duration of your trips. You can also get a 24-hour ticket for 110 CZK or a 3-day one for 310 CZK. For further info about fares click here.

All of these tickets are VALID FROM THE MOMENT OF VALIDATION in one of the yellow validators you will find when entering metro stations or inside buses and trams.

Tickets can be purchased (for CZK only) in yellow vending machines (dispensers) at all metro stations, at the airport and at a number of bus and tram stops, as well as at public transport infocenters at certain stations, including both terminals of the airport, and at most tobacconists and wholesalers.
Getting to and from the airport

Václav Havel Airport Prague is the only airport in Prague for regular commercial international flights. Its Terminal 1 is flights to/from non-Schengen destinations (intercontinental flights and flights to/from the United Kingdom and Ireland). Terminal 2 is for all flights within the EU Schengen Agreement member countries and other European destinations.

Regular buses, which are part of the public transport system, take you from the airport directly to the A or B metro lines in approximately 20 minutes. There is no extra fare for these buses, you can use one of the tickets described above. Both stop at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.

Bus no. 119 goes to the station “Nádraží Veleslavín” on the A (green) line.

Bus no. 100 goes to the station “Zličín” on the B (yellow) line.

You can also take the bus line “AE” (Airport Express) which will take you to the stations “Nádraží republiky,” “Masarykovo nádraží” or “Hlavní nádraží” (main train station) directly in the city centre in 40-50 minutes. However, this line is not part of the regular public transport system — a one-way ticket costs 60 CZK (paid directly to the driver).

PLEASE NOTE: The fastest public transport route FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE (tram stop “Albertov”) is by bus no. 119 to “Nádraží Veleslavín”, then metro A to “Malostranská” and from there by tram no. 18 to “Albertov.” It takes approx. 50-60 minutes.

Alternatively you can also take bus no. 100 to “Zličín”, then metro B to “Karlovo náměstí” (make sure to exit the station towards Karlovo náměstí, not Palackého nám.) and then take tram no. 6, 18 or 24 to “Albertov”. This trip also takes approx. 50-60 minutes.

As you will see from the journey planner, there are also other options to choose from.

Getting to and from the main train and bus stations

In case you coming to Prague by bus or train, you will most probably arrive at one of these spots:

Main train station (Hlavní nádraží) – to get to the conference venue walk to the “Jindřišská” stop to take tram no. 24 to “Albertov” (15 min.)

Holešovice train station (Nádraží Holešovice) – to get to the conference venue follow the signs to Plynární street where you can get on tram no. 24 to “Albertov” (25 min.)

Bus station Florenc (Autobusové nádraží Florenc) – to get to the conference venue take metro B to “Karlovo náměstí” and switch to tram no. 6, 18 or 24 to “Albertov” (20 min.)
Getting to and from the conference venue (Albertov)

The conference will take place in a few adjacent buildings in the “Albertov campus” of the Charles University, which is pretty much centrally located in the “Prague 2” district. These include:

**Albertov 6**: the main conference building where registration and most sessions will take place

**Albertov 4**: here the opening and closing ceremonies (incl. keynote speeches) will take place

**Hlavova 8**: here a part of the semi-plenaries and other sessions will take place

**Menza Albertov**: here Thursday and Friday lunch will be served

The closest public transport stop is the **no. 6, 7, 18 and 24 tram stop “Albertov”**.

See this on [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps).

The closest metro stations are “Karlovo náměstí” and “I.P.Pavlova” from which you can reach the conference venue on foot in approx. 15-20 minutes or take a tram.

**Please note**: the metro station “Karlovo náměstí” has exits to “Karlovo náměstí” and to “Palackého náměstí” on its different ends. Different trams stop at each of them, but from both you can easily reach “Albertov.”

- trams no. 6, 18 or 24 from Karlovo nám.
- tram no. 7 from Palackého nám.
- trams no. 4, 10, 16 or 22 from I.P.Pavlova and to Karlovo náměstí and then change
Getting to and from the dinner venue

The conference dinner on Friday 1st July 2016 will take place at Občanská plovárna. The restaurant is located by the river, directly below the Prague castle, at the address U Plovárny 8, 118 00 Prague 1 – see map.

It is a 7-minute walk from the station „Malostranská“ (metro A or trams no. 5, 12, 18, 20, 22) or a 4-minute walk from the no. 5 or 17 tram stop „Čechův most“.

To plan your journey there use this planner.

Getting to and from the main tourist sights in Prague

The Prague castle (Pražský hrad) can be most comfortably reached from the tram no. 22 stop “Pražský hrad”. If you don’t mind a short walk up the “Old castle steps” (Staré zámecké schody”) with their little souvenir stands and street artists, and wish to enjoy a broader view of the city, you can take the slightly longer route from the “Malostranská” metro and tram station instead.

The Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí) can be reached from the metro station “Můstek” or metro and tram station “Staroměstská”, from which you can enjoy a wonderful close-up view of the Prague castle from the opposite river bank.

The Wenceslas Square (Václavské náměstí) reaches from the metro and tram station “Muzeum” to the metro station “Můstek”.

The National Theatre (Národní divadlo) is located by the river at the tram stop “Národní divadlo”. You can also reach it in a few minutes when walking from the metro and tram station “Národní třída” along the Národní avenue (Národní třída).

The Dancing House (Tančící dům) can be found right by the river at the tram stop “Jiráskovo náměstí”.

Taxis in Prague

There are of course numerous taxi providers in Prague which you can use. However, as some of them have a bad reputation for overcharging customers, preferably choose some of the ones recommended below. Also, it is never a bad idea to ask about the approximate price when you book and/or board. The maximum price should not be higher than 28 CZK/km. All taxi services charge a “boarding/starting” fee of approx. 40 CZK on top of the kilometres travelled. If you need to pay by card, also make sure to ask when booking and/or boarding, not all taxi drivers have a payment terminal.

If you need to hail a taxi on the street without pre-booking, preferably do so at spots marked with the “taxi fair place” sign.

**AAA Taxi** – tel. +420 222 333 222; +420 729 331 133

The regular price with AAA Taxi is approx. 28 CZK/km, however, when booking over the phone, you ask for the special 16.90 CZK/km deal. You can also get a discount coupon at the AAA kiosk at the airport, to be able to use this deal on your way back to the airport. The website includes a calculator which will give you the approximate price for the chosen route. Only some drivers accept bank cards.

**Taxi Praha** – tel. +420 222 111 000

Approx. 24-28 CZK/km. All drivers accept payment by bank cards. The website includes a calculator which will give you the approximate price for the chosen route.

**Tick Tack Taxi** – tel. +420 14 222

The “luxurious” taxi service. Approx. 28 CZK/km.

Using your car in Prague

It is not very recommended to drive in Prague, as the city is quite congested, as well as full of one-way streets, and it might be a challenge to find a parking spot.

If you do need to use a car, this information might be useful for you (taken from myczechrepublic.com):

There are three parking zones in the city center:

- **Orange** - 2-hour parking with a meter, 40 CZK (1.50 EUR) per hour, in effect 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Green** - 6-hour parking with a meter, 30 CZK (1.20 EUR) per hour, in effect 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Blue** - long-term parking for residents and businesses; non-residents are not allowed to park in blue zones

**Payment** is done in cash and CZK only using pay-and-display ticket machines.

You can park freely in areas where there are no zones and no other restrictions.

If you leave your car parked on the street, make sure you don't leave any valuables visibly inside that could attract the attention of car burglars.

You can find more information on driving in Prague also here or here.

**PLEASE NOTE**: The conference venue (Albertov) is surrounded by green and blue parking zones.