

## 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 for 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 “Náměstí 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:

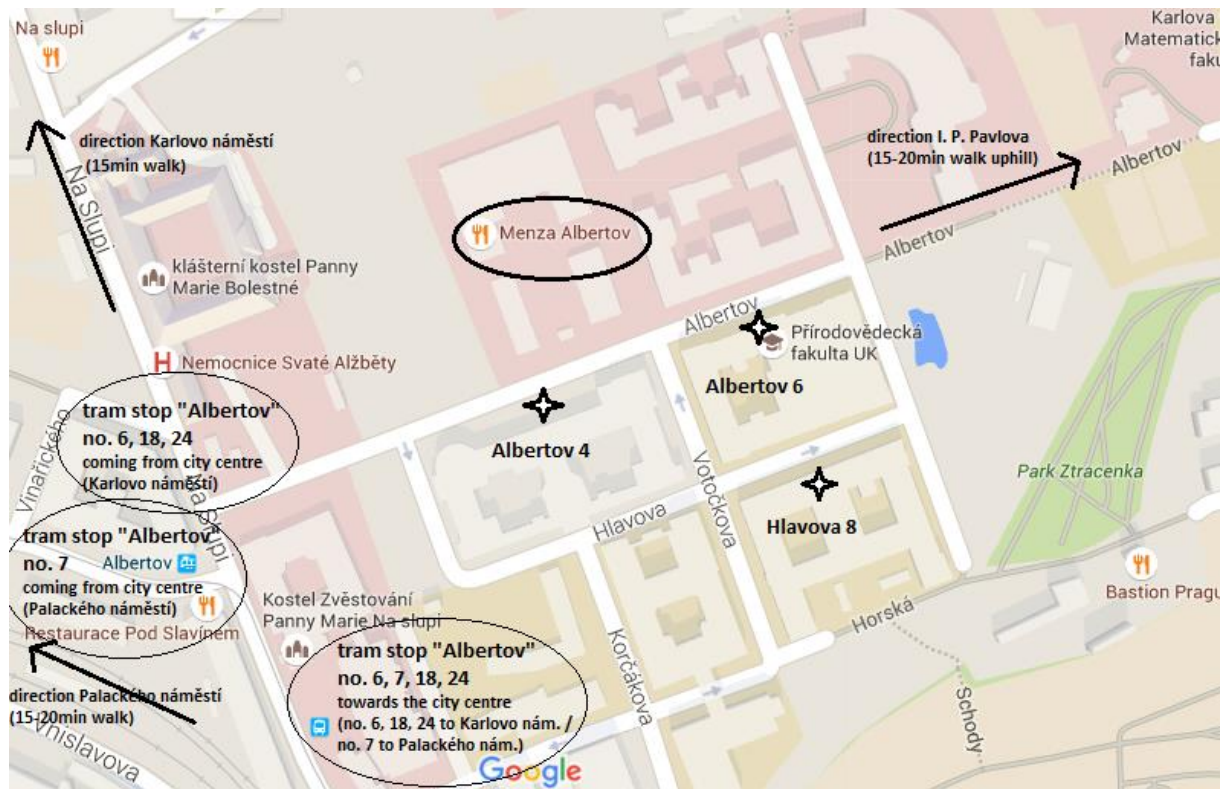
**Albertov 6:** the main conference building where **registration** and **most sessions** will take place

**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](#).

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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**.