# 13th IMISCOE conference in Prague, 30 June – 2 July 2016 Tourist tips in Prague and Czechia

If you are thinking about extending your trip to make the most of Prague and Czechia once you are there, consider our selection of tips for trips and events outside of the regular offer of Prague's tourist sights.

You can use this <u>journey planner</u> to plan your trips around Prague and this <u>planner</u> to find bus and train connections around Czechia.

### **Events in Prague:**

<u>"Emperor Charles IV. 1316–2016"</u> exhibition, 15/5/2016 – 25/9/2016, Valdštejnská jízdárna, Valdštejnská 3, 110 00 Praha 1, Opening hours 10:00 – 18:00 (except Mondays)

National Gallery - check for other exhibitions in one of the branches of the National Gallery

<u>National Theatre</u> – get tickets for opera, ballet or a drama play at the most prestigious Czech theatre or book a guided tour of its enthralling historical interiors

<u>Prague Events Calendar</u> – check for other events in Prague

<u>Prague.eu</u> – check for other events in Prague

# **Events outside of Prague:**

International Film Festival Karlovy Vary, 1 – 9/7/2016, Karlovy Vary

Rock for People Music Festival, 3 – 5/7/2016, Hradec Králové

Colours of Ostrava Music Festival, 14 – 17/7/2016, Ostrava

## **Day trips from Prague:**

Karlštejn castle - 40-minute direct train ride from the Prague Main Station (Hlavní nádraží)

A large gothic castle founded 1348 as a royal treasury by the Holy Roman Emperor and King of Bohemia Charles IV. The surrounding countryside offers opportunities for short walks as well as longer hikes, one of the most impressive ones being that to the <u>Velká Amerika</u> (Great America) flooded limestone quarry (see route <u>map</u>) or that to the <u>"Koda" nature reservation</u>.

<u>Kutná Hora</u> – a one-hour train ride from the Prague Main Station (Hlavní nádraží) See also <u>here</u>. (Please note: If you take a train, you will need to switch to a local train at "Kutná Hora hlavní nádraží" to get you to "Kutná Hora město", which is located directly in the town centre.)

A famous silver mining town, known among numerous other sights for its impressive UNESCO-listed gothic St. Barbara's Church and the  $16^{th}$  century Sedlec ossuary (aka "Bone Church").

<u>Křivoklát castle</u> – a 1.5-hour train ride from the Prague Main Station via Beroun, where you need to change to a local train. The <u>official site</u> is currently unfortunately only available in Czech.

A monumental 12<sup>th</sup> century castle located in a picturesque countryside offering a plenty of opportunities for short walks, bike trips, bathing in the Berounka river and more. Make a stop at the Nižbor station and visit the original "Zastávka Nižbor" restaurant located in an old train coach.

<u>Český Krumlov</u> – a 3-hour direct bus ride from Prague's "<u>Na Knížecí</u>" Station (accessible from the "Smíchovské nádraží" metro B station or from the "Na Knížecí" tram stop).

A charming UNESCO-listed town in South Bohemia, sitting on and around a hill in a meander of the Vltava river. Visit the castle complex, which is the second largest in Czechia just after the Prague Castle, be enchanted by the interiors of the unique baroque castle theatre from 1681, visit the Minorite Monastery, the Egon Schiele Museum or book tickets to see a play at the famous outdoor revolving Auditorium. Or just enjoy a day getting lost in the town's little streets, having a good lunch and a glass of beer.

#### **Useful links:**

**CzechTourism.com** – tips for trips, downloadable maps and brochures

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Czechia** 

Outside Prague.com – tips for short trips out of Prague

MyCzechRepublic.com – various tourist information about the country