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Detailed itinerary for Frosch IC company group extension 13th – 16th July 2025



July 13, Sunday

7:30 AM - scenic drive Budapest - Prague

your private guide and driver will meet you in the lobby of the Uniworld S/S Maria Theresa and will take you for a scenic drive to Prague. During the drive you will make a stop in the UNESCO towns of Telc. Later in the afternoon you will continue to the Aria hotel Prague

accommodation

Aria hotel Prague - TBA room x 3 nights, hotel booked by Patriot Travel, reservation no. TBA

4:30 PM - 1 hour cocktail reception at the terrace of the ARIA hotel

(in case of bad weather this will take place in the winter garden area)

6:00 PM - orientation walking tour of the Lesser town upon interest

your private guide will meet you on arrival close to hotel and will take you for orientation walk of the Lesser town.

Only 36 km away from Trebic is the town of Telc, this town is also protected by UNESCO. The 16th century governor of Moravia Zacharias of Hradec turned Telc into his principal seat. The Renaissance beauty of the town testifies to its heyday under Zacharias' rule.



There is no modern building spoiling the historical centre of the town. It looks like the backcloths of a stage setting for some Renaissance feast. The Telc castle is one of the nicest surprises in the country, it is simple yet very nice and it has fascinating interior with magnificent coffered ceilings.

Cocktail reception

Beverage package Exclusive - including the 8 canapes per person

- * Sparkling wine
- * Selection of Deluxe white wine
- * Selection of Deluxe red wine
- * Pilsner Urquell beer
- * Selection of fruit juices and Soft drinks
- * Sparkling and still mineral water
- * Coffee or tea
- * Selection of 5 pre-selected cocktails (for example Cosmopolitan, CODA Fest, Rosemary Collins, Martini cocktails, Mojito)



Lesser Town

The Lesser Town was founded in 1257 on the slopes below the Prague castle and it is the part of Prague least affected by recent history.

Nerudova Street

Named after the poet and journalist Jan Neruda, who lived at No 47 in the House of Two Suns, it is the picturesque narrow street that leads up to Prague castle as a part of Royal Way. There is a splendid selection of heraldic beasts and emblems on the houses, for example the Red Eagle, the Three Fiddles, the Golden Horseshoe, the Green lobster and the White Swan. There are also a number of grand Baroque buildings, such as the Thun-Hohenstain Palace, the Morzin Palace, and the Church of Our Lady of Unceasing Succour.



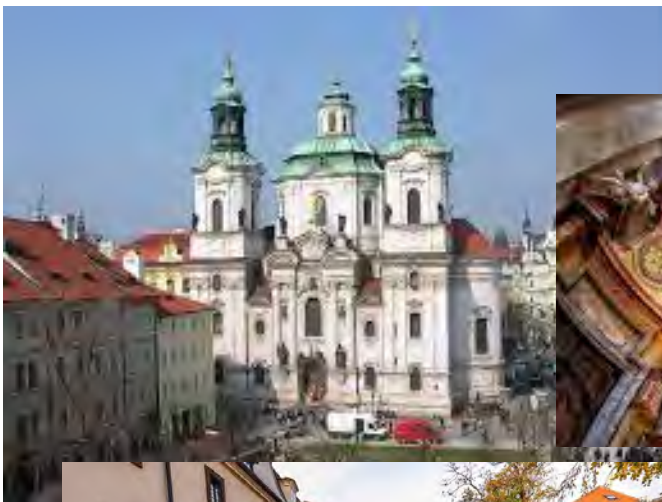
Lesser Town Square

Started as a market place it has always been the centre of life in the Lesser Town. Today, there are official buildings and restaurants. The important buildings include the St Nicholas Church, the Town Hall, the Sternberg Palace, and the Smetanův Palace. On the facade of the Baroque Kaiserstein Palace there is a bust of the great Czech soprano Emma Destinn who lived there between 1908 and 1914.



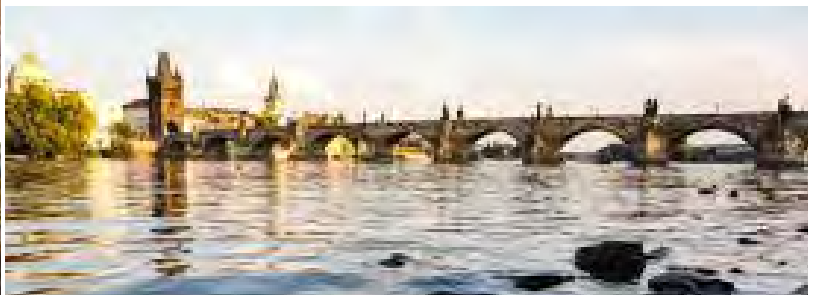
St Nicholas Church

It is the dominant of the Lesser Town Square and one of central Europe's finest baroque buildings begun by Kristof Dientzenhofer, continued by his son Kilian and finished by Anselmo Lurago. The statues, frescoes and paintings inside the church are by leading artists of the day, such as Karel Škréta and Johann Kracker.



Kampa Island

Known as the Venice of Prague, Kampa Island has been formed by a branch of the Vltava called the Devil's Stream. Originally there were only gardens on the island but it was also used for washing clothes and bleaching linen. In the 17th century the island became well known for its pottery markets. Today it is an elegant part of Prague with a village-like character.



Church of Our Lady Victorious

In Karmelitská Street in the Lesser Town district of Prague stands the church of Our Lady of Victory. It is of quite exceptional significance, not only because of its architecture and artistic decoration, but in particular because in it is preserved and venerated the famous statue of the Infant



July 14, Monday

9:30 AM - Prague downtown and Jewish district - half-day walking tour

your private guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel for a half-day walking tour of Prague downtown, including the Old Town Square, the Charles Bridge, the Astronomical Clock. On this combined tour you will also visit the Jewish district of Prague including the unique synagogues and the Jewish cemetery.

rest of the day at leisure

7:00 PM - roundtrip transfers Prague

your private driver will meet you in the lobby of your hotel for roundtrip transfers to the U Marcanu restaurant and after the venue back to your hotel

7:30 PM - folklore dinner at U Marcanu

you will enjoy a nice evening folkore show with 3-course dinner and unlimited supply of drinks of your choice - guide support for the evening



Walking tour of downtown Prague

This tour is a perfect introduction to the downtown area which is best seen while walking. You will walk the cobblestone streets of the Old Town and see where the former border between the Old Town and the New Town used to be located.

While standing on the Old Town Square famous for its Astronomical Clock, you can admire the 12 apostles hourly and the

whole mechanism can be explained to you in detail. The oldest house in the city is also located here – it dates back to the 14th century. You will see the statue of Jan Hus in the middle of the square, the Kinski Palace which houses a gallery now and every single house on the square has a story worth telling. The twin towers of the Tyn Church are not part of the square but they are best seen from there and you will be amazed that such a mighty church can have such a small entrance.

You may choose to relax over a cup of coffee or a glass of beer at the old market place Ungelt before you continue towards the Powder Tower where the city ended seven centuries ago. Another “must see” is the Municipal House built in art nouveau style. You can either enjoy a concert in its elegant Smetana Hall or just have refreshments at one of its three restaurants after the tour.



You will continue to the bottom of Wenceslas square that witnessed the Velvet Revolution in November 1989 – the overthrow of communism. You will also pass the colourful fruit and vegetable market, then walk back to the Old Town Square and along the pedestrian Charles street to another “must” in Prague – the Charles Bridge. Not only it is the best place for taking pictures, but each of its 30 statues has its own story. By the time you finish listening to the stories, you are ready for a well-deserved rest at one of the many cafes along the Vltava River.

The Jewish Museum in Prague was founded in 1906 with the aim of preserving precious art objects and documents related to the history of the Czech Jewish communities.

We can start our visit at the Pinkas Synagogue – it was turned into the Memorial of Jewish victims of the Second World War. Almost 80.000





names have been inscribed on the walls. It is an extremely simple but touching monument. A small room on the top floor houses a precious collection of drawings done by the children of the Terezin concentration camp.

Next to the Pinkas Synagogue there is the Old Jewish Cemetery where almost 12.000 tombstones are jumbled together among trees. The oldest gravestone is that of Rabi Avigdor Kara who died in 1439. Among the graves of the distinguished Jews, we can find the names of Marcus Mordecai Maisel (died in 1601), David Oppenheim (died in 1736) and the Rabi Loew, known as Maharal, whose writings became an inherent part of Hasidic teaching.

Flanking the exit from the cemetery there are the former Ceremonial Hall and the Klausen Synagogue. The former features display explains activities of the Burial Society Hevrah Kaddishah [founded in 1564], the latter, dating back to 1694, houses the permanent exhibition „Jewish Customs and Traditions“.

From the Klausen Synagogue we have an easy short walk to the Old-New Synagogue, which is architecturally the most interesting building of the ghetto and also one of the oldest preserved synagogues in Europe and it is still in use. Its main hall, one of the finest examples of the Cistercian Gothic style in Prague, is a double-aisled space with references to the figure 12, both in its plan and decorations.

We will pass by the High Synagogue which is closed to the public and the Jewish Town Hall founded by Maisel in the late 16th century with the Hebrew clock showing the time backwards.

Our next stop can be the Maisel Synagogue which was commissioned by one of the most influential figures of the ghetto – the mayor Marcus Mordecai Maisel who died in 1601. The exhibition covers the history of Jews in the Czech state since its very beginning up to the late 18th century, the time of emancipation.

We continue our walk to the Spanish Synagogue which was built in 1868 in a Moorish style on the site of demolished Altschul. The richly polychrome and gilded stucco arabesques and other oriental motifs together with an organ make this interior very different from all the other buildings run by the Jewish Museum. The second part of the exhibition „History of Jews in Bohemia and Moravia“ has been presented here.

Our guides are very well versed in Jewish history and will be happy to answer any of your questions. Jewish guides can be arranged on your request only.



Folklore dinner show at U Marcanu restaurant

Our driver will pick you up at the hotel and will take you to the folklore restaurant, where you will be welcomed warmly with a sip of the famous Czech herb snaps - Becherovka. Friendly staff will take care of you during the whole night. You will then have opportunity to see and try the typical Czech dances and you can even try to sing in Czech!

You will be surrounded by the Czech folklore musicians playing the cymbalo, violins and contrabass.

The dancers will show you the typical Czech dances.

This whole night is full of fun since other people from around the world usually participate. Three course local dinner and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks are served.



U Marcanu - MENU

”Becherovka” on the tables when you arrive, unlimited beer, wine, soft drinks

Hot hors-d’oeuvre - “Halusky” - typical country meal made from potatoes with ham and cabbage
Main Meal - Meat-mixture on the skewer, cream potatoes, croquettes, warm vegetables
Dessert - Crepes with fruit, ice-cream and sweet cream



July 15, Tuesday

9:30 AM - Prague Castle complex – half-day tour with vehicle support

your private guide and driver will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and will take you for a half-day tour with vehicle support to see the Prague Castle complex and surroundings (Golden Lane, St. Vitus cathedral, Royal palace) including a short overview drive of Prague (for example Dancing house, Rudolfinum concert hall, etc.)



Strahov Library rooms - additional unique private tour

as an addition to your Prague touring we have arranged a private visit of the two Strahov Library magnificent rooms filled with ancient books, globes and paintings, this is an unforgettable experience well worth every minute rest of the day at leisure

Prague Castle tour with vehicle support

The Prague Castle complex is a must. The tour will give you a feel of the whole hilly part of the city before you walk through the Castle complex. Your private guide will meet you

at the hotel and you will be driven to the Strahov Monastery to enjoy one of the best views over the city.

You may also visit the Strahov Library – one of the most beautiful interiors in Prague. A private visit of the two stunning rooms can be arranged upon your request. A lot of historical movies have been shot here, e.g. the famous Milos Forman's film "Amadeus".

You continue to the New World area which used to be the home of artists and the small houses are really charming. After getting off the car at the Castle square, you can admire the Archbishop's palace and the main entrance to the Castle complex. Then you continue on foot to see the St. Vitus Cathedral with its stain-glass windows, the Royal Palace with Vladislav Hall and the unforgettable and quaint Golden Lane.

The archaeological research and the oldest written sources prove that the Prague Castle was founded around the year 880 by Prince Borivoj of the house of Premyslides. The castle site was fortified with a moat and a rampart of clay and stones. The first walled building was the Church of Virgin Mary. Other churches, dedicated to St. George and St. Vitus, were founded in the first half of the 10th century.

From the 10th century Prague Castle has been not only the seat of the head of state, the princes, later kings and nowadays presidents, but also of the highest representative of church, the Prague bishop. The basilica of St. Vitus, built on the site of the original rotunda, has been the main church since the 11th century and the relics of the patron saints of the land are kept here. The period of the rule of King and later Emperor Charles IV (the middle of the 14th century) was a time of prosperity for Prague Castle. The royal palace was magnificently rebuilt, the fortifications strengthened and the church of St. Vitus was based on the model of French Gothic cathedrals.



Another important period was the second half of the 16th century, during the rule of Rudolph II. The emperor settled permanently in Prague Castle and began to turn it into a grand and dignified centre of the empire. He founded the northern wing of the palace, with today's Spanish Hall, to house his precious artistic and scientific collections. The Prague defenestration in 1618 started a long period of wars, during which Prague Castle was damaged and robbed. In the second half of the 18th century the last great rebuilding of the Castle was carried out, making it a prestigious castle-type seat.

After the foundation of the independent Czechoslovak Republic in 1918, Prague Castle again became the seat of the head of state. It is an important cultural and historical monument. The crown jewels, precious Christian relics, art treasures and historical documents are kept here. Events important for the whole country have taken place within its walls.

Hence Prague Castle is the embodiment of the historical tradition of the Czech state, linking the present with the past.

Strahov Monastery

It was founded in 1140 on Strahov Hill and it is considered as one of the oldest monasteries. You enter the complex through the baroque gate with a statue of St. Norbert, the founder of the St. Norbert's Order.

When you decide on a private tour of the monastery (highly recommended), you can explore the two very unique and beautiful library rooms in depth. Your guide can tell you many stories and show you the illustrations in some of the books. When you go with other regular tourists, you just peek into the rooms from the doorway. This Prague interior is really worth visiting and highly recommended, especially after its complete cleaning and renovation which was finished recently.

The two amazing rooms are:

the Theological Hall dating back to 17th century. It is decorated with a stucco ceiling with frescos dedicated to science, education and different proverbs. We admire the rich collection of more than 15 000 books, astronomical and geographical globes, precious old songbooks and unique pieces of furniture. The 18th century Philosophical Hall occupies two floors and it is really a temple of sciences. The book cabinets - home to 50 000 books - were originally designed for a different monastery and since they represent great example of baroque woodcarving, they found their home here and the hall was built according to their size. The magnificent fresco called "Intellectual Progress of Mankind" is the icing on the cake of this private tour.

You will also see the Cabinet of Curiosities and the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary where Mozart used to play the organ during his Prague visits. Stunning view of Prague panorama can be admired from the backyard of the Monastery.

July 16, Wednesday

individual departure transfers to the Prague airport

your private driver will meet you in the lobby of the Aria hotel Prague for departure transfer to Prague airport for your flight details to be specified.

