



**Otázka:** Prague

**Jazyk:** Angličtina

**Přidal(a):** Yumeko

### Basic facts

- Capital city of Czech Republic
- One of the most beautiful cities in the world
- 1,2 million inhabitants
- Many historical and cultural landmarks
- City of hundred Spires
- UNESCO monuments
- Known for beautiful architecture styles

### Prague consists of

- The Old Town - Staré Město (Old Town Square)
- New Town - Nové Město (Wenceslas Square)
- Little Quarter = Lesser Town - Malá Strana
- Castle district
- Jewish Quarter

### Prague Old Town

- Old Town Square
- Church of Our Lady of Týn



- There is a Town Hall

### **Prague New Town**

- Twice as large as Old Town
- It was mainly inhabited by tradesmen and craftsman
- Today there are main shopping streets

### **Lesser Town:**

- Slopes bellow the Prague castle
- Consists of: Lesser Town Square, Kampa Island, Charles Bridge, Petřín Hill

### **Castle district**

- Built in 9<sup>th</sup> century – Residence for various monarchs in history
- Seat of the Czech president Miloš Zeman
- Largest ancient castle in the world

### **Prague Jewish Quarter (Josefov)**

- Named after emperor Josef II
- His reforms helped to ease living conditions for Jewish
- Former Jewish ghetto

### **Monuments and interesting places to visit:**

### **Museums and galleries**



- National museum – Rudolfinum: home of Czech philharmonic orchestra
- National gallery
- National technical museum

### **Modern monument Dancing house**

- Positive dancing symbol – reaction on the end of communism
- Controversial design – The house resembles a pair of dancers
- Designed by the architect Vlado Milunič and Frank Gehry

### **Charles Bridge**

- One of the most beautiful places in Europe
- 516 metres long
- 30 statues
- Powerful silhouette of Prague castle in the background
- Construction started in 1357 by Charles IV
- Legend: eggs, wine and milk were added to the mortar when the bridge was built
- The entrance – Old Town Bridge Tower

### **Babies crawling up the TV Tower**

- Modern art: rebel sculptor David Černý
- Sense of humor decorating the city

### **Statue of St. John Nepomuk**

- Stands out
- Brings luck
- Saint was thrown from Charles Bridge into the Vltava
- Legend tells that he did not want divulge the queen's secret to the king and was



martyred for it

### **Prague Astronomical Clock**

- Installed in 1410
- The third-oldest astronomical clock in the world
- The oldest one still working
- One of greatest treasures of the city
- Procession of Apostles, moving statues
- Every hour, tourists gather in front of the Old Town Hall to enjoy a mechanical performance

### **Popular festivals and events**

- United islands
- The Prague spring (music festival)
- Prague marathon
- Christmas markets