

Transportation from Prague Airport to the center of town

Welcome to Prague! You have arrived to Terminal 2 (Schengen area).

Hint: If you can choose the left side window seat (A), you will likely get a beautiful view of Prague before landing.

After you pass the customs and walk out of the glass sliding door, you will be in the arrival hall where you can get tickets for public transport. In order to get to the city, you will need the 32 CZK ticket (about 1,5 Euro) which is good for 90 minutes within the transit system. Taxi or Uber will cost you about 15 times more. Prague taxi service has a bad reputation, so if you use the service, it is advisable to agree on price before taking off. Within the city, AAA TAXI (+420 222 333 222) is a reliable and fair company. Airport has specific arrangements with other companies.

Hint: Do not change currency at the airport. The rates are not to your advantage. If you want to change cash, a reliable company is, for example, EXCHANGE near Metro-A Staroměstská. www.exchange.cz

Here you can print their voucher for a better rate and use of the VIP counter: www.exchange.cz/kupon



Fig. 1 – Arrival hall at Terminal 2, Prague Airport.



Fig. 2 – Transit Authority booth.

Fig. 1 shows the yellow ticket machines for public transit near the glass wall. You can use contactless bank cards there, as well as outside the terminal on the platform waiting for your bus. Alternatively, you can purchase your tickets at the Public Transport Authority booth beyond the Vodafone shop (fig. 2). It is a good idea to buy more tickets as you may need them later. 24 CZK ticket is good for a 30-minute ride, which will most likely cover majority of your needs. For the ride from the airport, though, you need the 90-minute ticket.

Penalty for traveling without the ticket is 800 CZK.

You need to validate your ticket once, at the beginning of your ride. You do so at yellow machine on board of the bus, on board of the tramway or before entering the escalators in the subway. Please insert the ticket with the arrow inside the slot, facing up (see fig. 3).

That way your ticket gets the time stamp and you are good to go for 30/90 minutes anywhere in the system. You only stamp once. A ticket without the time stamp at the proper space is invalid.



Fig. 3 – Validating your ticket on board of a bus.

GETTING A BUS FROM THE AIRPORT, TRAVELING TO MASRYKOVA KOLEJ

In order to get to Masarykova kolej (www.masarykovakolej.cz) where you are accommodated, it is best to take a bus from the airport and then 3 more stops on the tramway. You need to pay attention to which bus you are taking as it is a bit confusing at times. You need to take the 119 bus, but there are two kinds of 119s: one that only delivers travelers to the airport (at the more distant end of the platform) and one that picks up passengers to go to the city. Please do not run to the more distant bus 119 you will see. Your bus will stop at about the middle of the platform, just before the information sign with red LED characters (fig. 4) which shows your bus departure time.



Fig. 4 – Do not go beyond the red LED information sign for your 11 bus.

Once you have boarded the 119 bus and validated your ticket, you will travel for 8 stops. Beware: some of those stops are on-request, so the bus might not be stopping at all. But you are headed to the final stop – **Nádraží Veleslavín**, where everybody gets off.

Head towards the highway you just have gotten off from and you will see the tramway tracks. On Most people will head to the steps and underground, but you want to go further and get across the intersection in order to take tramway 20 or 26. You will be riding for 6 stops. Basically, the direction of travel is the same as was the majority of your bus ride.

Tip: Once you board the bus or tramway, please sit down or hold on tightly. Prague drivers are trained at Formula 1 race tracks and the likelihood of your falling is high if you do not hold on!

Disembark the tramway at **Thákurova**. The announcements on the tramway are both audio and visual. You will always hear the name of the stop approaching, followed by the name of the next stop. That is why you may hear Thákurova even one stop before.

It will say: “**Hadovka. Příští zastávka Thákurova**”.

Once you have gotten out at Thákurova, get across the tramway tracks and head to the park-like area. That is the Thákurova street (Fig. 5). You will be walking for two minutes on the left side of the park (Fig. 6).



Fig. 5 – Arriving to Thákurova tramway stop (line 20 and 26).

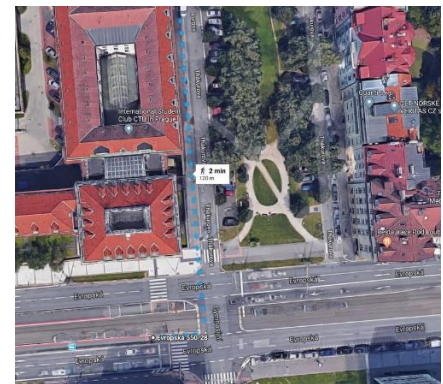


Fig. 6 – Walking towards Masarykova kolej.

Welcome to Masarykova kolej. Your address is: Thákurova 1, 160 41 Praha 6

Telephone number: +420 233 051 111

This area is convenient to get to the city and back on the tramway. Use the same tramway stop and line 20 to get to picturesque “Malostranské náměstí” near the Charles Bridge, in 13 minutes.

Or use line 26 to get to Náměstí republiky, the gateway to the Old Town, in 19 minutes.

GETTING TO THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL MUSEUM

For getting to this museum from your hotel, you will not even need to cross the river. You can hop on the tramway 26 and ride for 10 minutes to “Letenské náměstí”. Then walk 6 minutes via Ověnecká street (fig. 7).

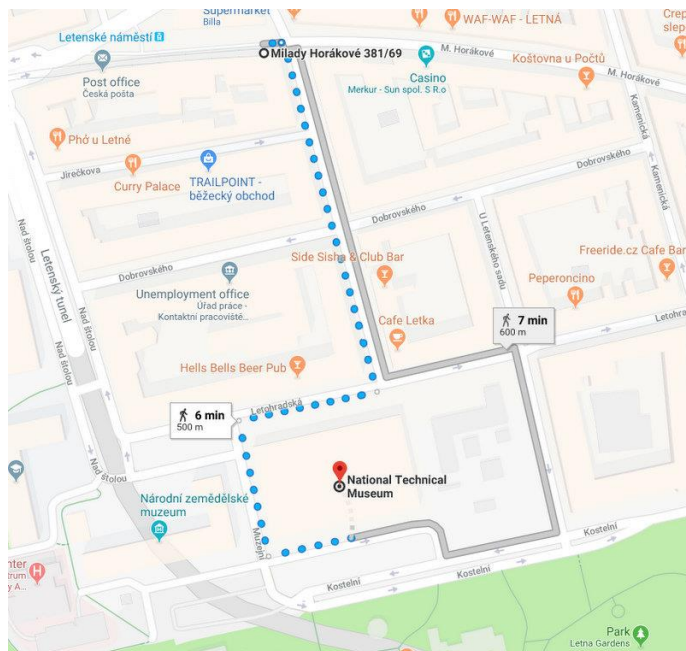


Fig. 7 – Walking to the National Technical Museum.

Tip: Download the IDOS app for your smart phone, which will let you find transit connection within the Praha+PID system. It finds the closest stop. The app is free.

GETTING TO THE SYNDIKÁT NOVINÁŘŮ

This national journalist organization is conveniently located in the very center of Prague, at “Senovážné náměstí”. The closest tramway stop is “Jindřišská” which serves many different lines. In order to get there from your hotel, you will need to make one transfer. Take tram 26 to “Náměstí republiky” and walk for 9 minutes – or switch to tram 6 in your direction of travel, to Jindřišská. The trip on the tramway takes about 26 minutes. The address is: Senovážné náměstí 978/23, 110 00 Praha 1. You can also take the “green line” subway to the MŮSTEK station at Václavské náměstí (Wenceslas square) and then either walk NorthEast for 3 minutes, following the tramway tracks – or take one stop on any tramway heading to the medieval tower “Jindřišská věž” that you can see from Wenceslas square, at Jindřišská street.

Tip: If you have time to spare, climb the tower right at Jindřišská tram stop. It is an interesting structure inside, kind of a modern tower within the medieval tower. It provides beautiful views of Prague and atop, carillon bells sound every whole hour.

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