

Livingprague Newsletter

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Mobile Goulash Van at a recent food festival

In the August newsletter we'll take a look at what to expect from a trip to the Mucha Museum. I'll break down the offer of the Duplex Nightclub plus how students can get free tickets. I'll show you what to expect at the "temporary" One Minute Film Museum. Finally, I published a video showing what to expect from a visit to the Levels Amusement Arcade.

The Activity Spotlight is a look at a combined toy shop and amusement arcade called The Playground. Blast from the Past includes an update to pricing and ticket purchase options at the Prague Jewish Museum and a picture showing an example of the kind of Trdlo seller to avoid because of what we call "stacking".

Just before you launch into the newsletter take a few seconds to think if your friends or colleagues might find it interesting. If so please consider forwarding to them and they can [subscribe to the newsletter](#) separately if they want.

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Entertainment – Duplex Nightclub

Looking to do some dancing any night of the week in one of the top 100 clubs in the world? EDM and themed nights hosted by top city and internationally recognised DJs can be found at the Duplex Nightclub.

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Art and Culture – Mucha Museum

If you are visiting Prague to experience the Art Nouveau scene then you are likely to consider a trip to the Mucha Museum which details much of the life of Art Nouveau protagonist Alphonse Mucha. This post will explain what you should expect and some tips/tricks for getting the most out of your visit. [Read more...](#)



Art/Culture – One Minute Film Museum

TEMPORARY – Only until September 15th. A collection of 35 film shorts from different countries that have been entered into the Croatian One Minute Film Festival since 1993. Random choices and thought provoking. [Read more....](#)



Video – Levels Prague Amusement Arcade

Levels is split over two floors of the Maj Shopping Centre. It hosts a variety of entertainment options for anyone aged 6 and over although it leans toward young adults. Racing games, shooting games, simulators, mini-golf, darts, billiards and several bars. The video explains what to expect. [See more](#)

Blast from the Past (Updated Old Content)



The Jewish Museum changed their ticketing structure which means it's now possible to buy online (instead of just reserving online) but there are some restrictions based on the type of ticket that you buy. Post updated with details. [Read more....](#)



I'd mentioned on the Trdlo post about how places that sell Trdlo with cream or ice-cream will often stack them so they go cold. Unfortunately they also go hard so avoid these places. I updated the post with a shop window example. [Read more....](#)

Comment

Babyboxes

For only the second time in 16 years since it was first installed, the Babybox at the Sokolov Hospital sounded its alarm to indicate that a child was in the box. This particular child was a baby boy and was so newly born that the placenta was STILL ATTACHED! The boy is a healthy 4.1Kg and was the 266th baby saved by the project since 2008. He was given the temporary name David Sokolovsky. In my birth country, the United Kingdom, this could well have turned into a story about a newborn being found in a toilet or, god forbid, a waste bin. But in Czechia there is a system in place that gives people a choice with a safe/legal outcome. Countries claiming to be progressive should take note.

Bad Decision

One day last week I was preparing for my regular drive into the city and I checked the traffic for the route. Normally it's 18 minutes but that day it said 42 minutes. Further investigation found that the main D1 motorway was shut in both directions. So I worked around it. Later that day it emerged that a thief had been seen breaking into a vehicle at a motorway rest stop and having been discovered the thief was left with four choices. Be detained and take his chance with the police, escape by running across a field, escape by running back up the emergency lane of the motorway or escape by running across the motorway. He chose badly, ran across the motorway, was hit by traffic on one side of the motorway, his body flung to the other side where he was hit by more vehicles. Traumatic for all involved. Just a wasted life!

In The News

News outlet Novinky.cz reported that the cost for towing away and illegally parked vehicle would rise to CZK3800 and that everyday in the car pound would be CZK500. This is double the current fine. Yet Novinky went on to report that even this doubled fine does NOT meet the cost of towing or impounding. So it begs the question why don't they just charge what it actually costs?

The government recently approved a legal amendment that bans the use of corporal punishment on children (I know it's 2024 but, better late than never). Although breaking this law carries no sanction it is hoped that the 4% of parents who still think corporal punishment is normal will have pause for thought.

Whilst the Czech sports pages were basking in the glory of consecutive Ladies Singles Wimbledon Tennis Championship titles in the legal/crime pages you could have read about the Czech prosecutor seeking a six-year prison term for a one-time government minister who is charged with the illegal distribution of sports subsidies issued by Prague City Hall.

The Czech Defence Ministry reported that it had begun assembly of the first of a group of four Israeli Spyder SAM (surface to air) missile batteries. I was interested to note that the system that it is replacing is the old Soviet 2K12 which was first manufactured in 1967 and was last manufactured in 1985 i.e. our current SAM defence technology is nearly as old as I am and the last time they made a rocket for it, Cristiano Ronaldo had just been born!

Trivia and Odd Statistics

The body of Czech mountaineer Milan Sedlacek was recovered from Mount Lhotse 12 years after he died in a fall close to the summit.

The demolition of the Prague New Town fortification/wall began 150 years ago on July 20th 1874.

A photograph taken of a sunset in the city of Brno became NASA's "Astronomy picture of the day" for July 19th 2024.

Food prices in Czechia fell by 4.8% in June, the sharpest drop in the EU.

774,310 cars were produced in Czechia in the first half of 2024.

Three 2024 Wimbledon tennis champions were invited to see the President at Prague Castle. Barbora Krejckova (Women's Singles Champion), Katerina Siniakova (Women's Doubles Champion) and Jana Kovackova (Under 14 Girl's Singles Champion).

An Amazon Prime mini TV series called Bladerunner 2099 began filming in Prague last month.

FIFA ranked the Czechia national football team 47th in world rankings.

113 Czech athletes will attend the main Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

South Korean company KHNP won the contract to provide two nuclear reactors to Czechia valued at a combined CZK500 Billion.

The 21st Colours of Ostrava music festival attracted more than 100 artists from 30 different countries.

Bob Dylan will perform at the O2 Arena on October 4th, 5th and 6th.

George Thompson, last known survivor from the US Army Veterans responsible for liberating the Czech city of Plzen died aged 99.

In 2023, Prague saw 5000 professional conference events attract over 700,000 attendees.

Walking Tours

An old lady who must have been working as a city-employed guide for quite a while happened to smile at me last week. I thought it might have been a decoy to lure me into a false sense of security but then I thought that she'd just seen me having a laugh with clients on a tour when she herself had a group of fairly uninterested teenagers to show around. It's not uncommon for guides to be on "nodding" terms and I'm happy to move my little groups around to accommodate the older guides with bigger groups. These city-employed guides never know what to expect when they turn up for work. Still, the city paid them during the pandemic and I got nothing so I'm not too sad for them.

People might be interested to know that despite the Covid-19 pandemic and the high rates of inflation since then, my scheduled tour prices have stayed the same.

Review

I picked out the review from "Neutrino". This was a tour where we were sticking to a core route but with options to split off if the client saw other things that interested them so we stayed flexible and I gave them options for what we could see around given place. It meant a lot of random questions but the whole point of a tour is to learn about the city. A fairly typical day for me.



Neutrino

Olympia, Washington • 43 contributions



Private Prague tour with a slice of Jason on the side

Apr 2024 • Friends

The entire tour was excellent. Jason is so personable and knowledgeable that you cannot help but be engaged the entire time. The selection of route and sights/sites was just what we were looking for. Because it was a private tour he could, and did, respond in the moment to questions and requests we had. He has my highest recommendation as a Prague guide.

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Gift Vouchers

Read about the Gift Voucher system on the [Gift Voucher page](#). You can buy individual tours as a gift for somebody and by contacting me the recipient of the gift will have options to swap tours or use the credit to upgrade to a private tour etc. Vouchers are valid for 1 year.

Tours and Card Payment

For any Private Tours or for any Scheduled Tours booked directly through a tour calendar, clients can pay the full cost of a tour in advance by card payment with the understanding that refunds are maximum 96% (cost of tour minus any card transaction fee which is out of my control). In this case you first receive a payment request which has to be completed within 48 hours. Then you receive the booking confirmation.

Tours and Cash Payment

If you prefer to pay for a tour either scheduled or private in cash then you need to contact me. We will agree the tour details and I will quote a price in CZK and your own currency equivalent. You will then receive the booking confirmation and payment is made on the tour day at the agreed amount so in this case there is no advance payment and cancellation is free.

Tours:

[Private Tours](#) are arranged as required.

[Old Town and Jewish Quarter](#) is running normally.

[City Walking Tour](#) is running normally.

[World War Two](#) is running normally.

[Architecture Tour](#) is running normally.

[Czech Food and Beer Tasting](#) is Suspended. The option of food/drink is now only on Private Tours.

[Christmas Markets](#) has restrictions: "tour-only" in 2024 with time for people to buy food/drink as required.



Activity Spotlight! – The Playground



The Playground

Prague is great for history, culture and architecture but when you are looking at something for your kids I'm afraid that these will not be in their top 10.

So what about a little carrot for the kids like, you do the cultural stuff with us and as a treat you to visit an amusement arcade.






The Playground is basically a toy shop that offers some experiences for kids from 1 to 10. That may include things as basic as plastic building blocks, wooden train sets and sensory items which are all free. Or you can pay and load up a card with credits to let them loose in the little gaming arcade.

The Playground also hosts external companies which offer even more things to do including a VR experience, Laser Game and a butterfly house. Not got kids? You won't come here. Got young kids? You'll definitely want to know about this place.

Check the post about [The Playground](#)

Being Social

Click, Like, Subscribe, Follow, Review. Could I ask you to spend a minute interacting with one or more of the social platforms below that have lots of great content to share. Subscribe and/or follow to stay updated.

	<p><u>FACEBOOK</u>: You can read posts, view short videos, like/share content, follow and message me.</p>
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	<p><u>YOUTUBE</u>: You view full length videos, comment, like/share content and subscribe.</p>
	<p><u>TRIP ADVISOR</u>: You can view tour pictures, read and leave a tour review for others.</p>

Surveys – Help me improve!

If you have a bit of time then consider a survey. It's anonymous so I just see answers to questions not who it's from.

It should take no more than 2 minutes on any survey.

The “Quick” survey is an overview. The other surveys are content specific. You do not have to finish the whole survey so feel free to answer as many or as few questions as you want.

Just “Send It” when you're ready. You will be helping me to improve all aspects of the sites.

Quick Survey – 1 minute survey

Accommodation – 2 minute survey

Activities – 2 minute survey

Walking Tours – 2 minute survey

Site Navigation - 1 minute survey

Contact Info – Engage with me!



I've now put so much information, local knowledge, tips and tricks into the continuously being upgraded Trip Planner that I've now renamed it the Trip Planner and Mini-Guide which you can always [download for free](#).

But even that might not be enough to help. Sometimes all you want to do is ask a quick question, sometimes it's a bit of advice regarding an activity or accommodation etc. You're always welcome to contact me via one or more of the following options. Just keep an eye on your spam folder if using email. I reply within 24 hours.

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