

Livingprague Newsletter

April 2025



I spent most of February in New Zealand.....

In the April newsletter I'll describe what to expect from Chefparade Cooking Classes, we'll take a trip to see what's at the Holešovice Market and you'll learn about the Ryszard Siwiec Memorial. Finally, I published a post about the last woman executed by hanging in this country and the crime that warranted it.

The Activity Spotlight is a look at why you might want to visit the Original Mucha Museum compared with the "New" one. Blast from the Past includes a rewritten post for the Prague Beer Festival plus what you can get for CZK192 at the Gastro Karlin Jidelna.

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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Food/Drink - Chefparade

Chefparade celebrates 18 years of providing cooking classes in Prague. They've run 16,000 courses for more than 100,000 people over that time. Meat, fish, worldwide cuisine, speciality courses. Here's what to expect. [Read more....](#)



Food /Drink – Holešovice Market

The former Imperial slaughterhouse now known as the Holesovice Market celebrates 130 years. Open all year, it comes alive in the summer with a food market, food trucks, different festivals, art gallery and a selection of craft and music events. [Read more.....](#)



Memorials – Ryszard Siwiec

Most memorials in this country are for Czechs or for people that lived or died here. This one is a bit different as you'll find out. There's a 1968 connection here but the main character is Polish. [Read more....](#)



The Last Woman Hanged

Just over 50 years ago a woman became the biggest mass murderer in the country with a single event. Here I'll describe some of her life and what happened on a fateful day in 1973 which resulted in the deaths of eight people. [See more](#)

Blast from the Past (Updated Old Content)



I was in the Karlin area so I stopped at my favourite jidelna for lunch. I updated the post with what I bought so you can see what's possible to get for the princely sum of CZK192. [Read more....](#)



Not so much updated as completely rewrote the Prague Beer Festival post to bring it up to date with the main Prague Beer Festival that will be held at the Holesovice Market, Hala 13 on April 11th and 12th. [Read more....](#)

Comment

Cookie Time

Czech Internet Service Providers are required by law to collect data about when and where we connect to the internet under what we call the Electronic Communications Act. An amendment to that act has been proposed by the Trade Ministry and the Interior Ministry that the ISP's should also record which websites we visit and then make that data available to security services here. I know that the Civil Liberties guys will be foaming at the mouth but come on.....Google has been doing this for at least 20 years and anybody who has ever said "I agree" to the statement "this website uses cookies" also seem to be ok with it.

Admiration

I did a unique tour last week. Well, unique for me. A client arrived from Vienna at the Main Train Station at 1115. I met them in the arrival hall and we started a tour which included stuff at the station and the highlights of the New Town, Old Town and Jewish Quarter before returning back to the station including a special request for a hot dog stop. I got them back to the station at 2-15pm where they had 20 minutes before catching their train back to Vienna. I'm always a little in awe of people this coordinated. Committing around 11 hours, expecting the train will be on time (the Berlin train was actually an hour late), trusting me to provide a nice tour and get them back on time. Not sure if I could do it!

In The News

President Petr Pavel visited Ukraine this month. As part of his visit he presented Volodymyr Zelensky with a Black Hawk military helicopter. It was paid for by 20,600 Czech donors who raised CZK72.6 Million. Every little helps.....

The National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addictions reported that 15% of people aged over 15 (that's 900,000 people) consume excessive amounts of alcohol on a daily basis. They also reported 1.4 Million people abuse sedatives and opioids. The cost of this is equivalent to 1% of GDP and accounts for 6% of deaths in Czechia.

The whole "Ukraine-Russia" ceasefire discussion was all over the news. Czechia was pretty firm in supporting Ukraine's "peace supported by security" stance. Could this have been because discussions were taking place on the 86th anniversary of the annexation by Nazi Germany of the present-day Czech Republic. Other world leaders take note! Putin go Fu*k yourself!

Data from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs showed that 97,100 people used beds in a "senior care" setting in 2023. The data also suggested that this figure will increase by 36% before 2040 and that three quarters of this increase would be required specifically for people older than 80.

Following the Myanmar/Thailand earthquake it was reported that these countries had requested international assistance. I learned that Czechia has a team on standby for this kind of event. 36 people including search and rescue experts, a doctor, a structural engineer and 5 specially trained dogs are ready to go just 6 hours after the request for help is agreed.

Trivia and Odd Statistics

Foot and Mouth disease last occurred in the combined Czech and Slovak Republics in 1975.

The Czech Hydrometeorological Institute issued 369 weather warnings in 2024 with an accuracy rate of 88.5%

In 1985 an earthquake in the Cheb region of western Czechia registered a magnitude of 4.6.

Fuel prices have reached their lowest since 2021.

The World Happiness Report ranked Czechia at 20th out of 147 countries (two places lower than 2024). Finland came top.

March marked the 550th anniversary of the laying of the Powder Gate foundation stone.

The National Sports Agency granted a government-funded CZK100 Million to the Autoklub Czech Republic so they could hold the MotoGP event at the Brno Masaryk Circuit for the next 3 years.

“Beat Sexism” published a survey which indicated 32% of respondents believed that their drink had been spiked.

1 in 4 Czech adults is now classed as obese.

In the summer of 2025, Prague Airport will connect to 165 destinations and expects 18 million visitors (this surpasses pre-Covid19 figures).

In the last year 454 people were diagnosed with Tuberculosis, 21 died of whom 11 were non-Czech nationals.

The number of Bison in Czechia has risen from 36 in 2010 to 164.

Statisticians predict that by 2040 a quarter of the Czechia population will be over 65.

Walking Tours

If March was all about getting back into the swing of things after the big February break then April is the first proper touring month. Get the shorts and SPF on, ice cream after the tour, finding some courtyard garden for lunch and maybe even a beer or two with clients. Love to meet people interested in learning about the city. Looking forward to it. I'll be spending about an hour a day on the admin of the tours, answering emails and setting up bookings.

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 "L R". The client was very specific about what they wanted to see and I gave them the realistic time needed to see everything. It was a tour early in their stay and I gave them options for further exploration. I normally finish before six so this was an example of being flexible to fit in with the clients.



L R
Kansas City, MO • 567 contributions



Great Walking Tour and Intro to the city

Dec 2024 • Couples

We were a group of four adults in Prague for the first time for just three nights. Jason created a private tour for us that included the Old town sites, some of the New town sites as well as Mala Strana area—He did not take us to the Jewish Quarter as we had a tour the next morning there. The tour was four hours and ended at Prague Castle which was beautifully illuminated at night with lovely views over Prague. Jason was a wealth of information and excellent with his communications and updates. We had just arrived at noon and did the tour with Jason from 2-6pm and felt like we had the "lay of the land" so to speak. After the tour we walked down to Strahov Monastery and had a lovely dinner at their brewery. All in all, an excellent start to our time in Prague! I would highly recommend Jason and Living Prague tours.

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Written March 10, 2025

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.

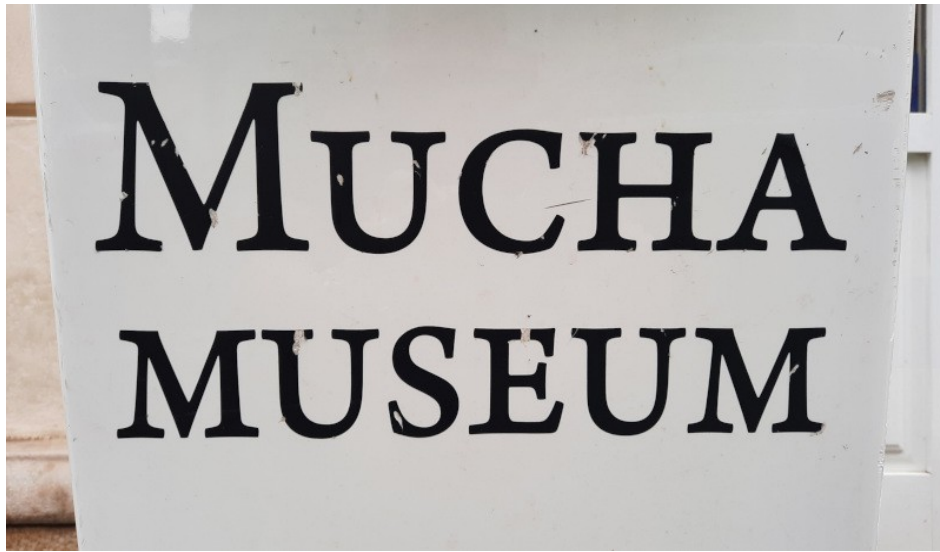
[Architecture Tour](#) is running normally.

[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 2025 with time for people to buy food/drink as required.



Activity Spotlight! – Mucha Museum (Panska)



Mucha Museum






I visited what they call the new “official” Mucha Museum (Savarin Palace – Na Prikope) which is the location sanctioned by the Mucha Family Foundation. Nice place in a beautiful Rokoko Baroque building (Fun Fact: the Savarin Palace was the original location of the National collection before the National Museum opened). It has a reasonable selection of prints and reproductions plus some unique artefacts. When the Slav Epic gets moved here it will become one of Prague’s top attractions. But not yet.

So the featured activity this month is the old Mucha Museum in Panska. I think it’s a similar collection size and definitely more personal Mucha items. I recommend sitting down in the rear cinema to watch the 30 minute video and then returning back through the museum so you have a much better idea of what you are looking at.

Check the post about the [Mucha Museum](#)

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.

	<u>FACEBOOK</u> : You can read posts, view short videos, like/share content, follow and message me.
	<u>INSTAGRAM</u> : You can view pictures, like/share content and follow me.
	<u>PINTEREST</u> : You can view specific genre pictures, save Pins to your boards and follow me.
	<u>YOUTUBE</u> : You view full length videos, comment, like/share content and subscribe.
	<u>TRIP ADVISOR</u> : You can view tour pictures, read and leave a tour review for others.

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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