

Country of beer

The Czech Republic

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Basic info

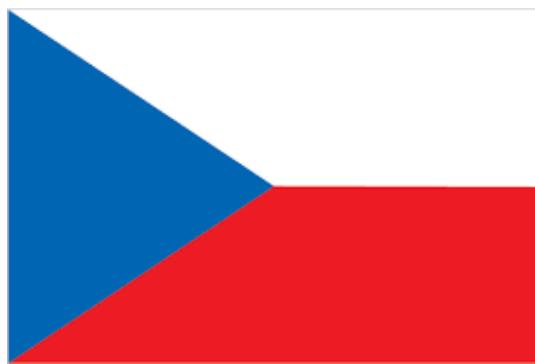
EU member state since: May 1st, 2004

Capital: Prague

Geographical size: 78 866 Km²

Population: 10 230 060

Currency: Czech Koruna (CZK)



The highest point in Czech Republic is Snežka (1603 m).

Czechia's neighbours are: Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Poland. Its national anthem is: „Kde domov můj?”.

Czech republic is divided into three big parts: Moravia, Bohemia and Silesia.

2% of Czech republic's area is water.

The longest river in Czech Republic is Vltava, other famous rivers are: Elbe, Morava, Oder and Jihla.

Motto is : „Pravda vítězí" (Truth prevails).

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Famous person

Karel Gott

He was born on July 14th, 1939.

He is also known as:

„the Golden Voice of Prague“

During his career he has released over 100 albums and 100 compilation albums, and has sold an approximately 50–100 million records worldwide, 23 million of them in German-speaking market, and about 15 million in Czechoslovakia and its successor states.

He is known all over the world, especially in Germany, Czechia and Slovakia.



Typical food

Typical food Svíčková na smetaně: roast sirloin of beef with steamed dumplings and cream of vegetable sauce

Rajská (sauce): beef in tomato sauce, traditionally served with dumplings

Gulash: a variety of beef and pork goulash stews, served with dumplings or bread

Fried cheese: Fried cheese, typically served with potatoes or french fries, tartar sauce and ketchup.



Tourism

The Czech economy gets a substantial income from tourism. Prague is the fifth most visited city in Europe after London, Paris, Istanbul and Rome.

One of the most visited tourist attractions in the Czech Republic is Nether district Vítkovice in Ostrava.

The spa towns, such as Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně and Františkovy Lázně and Jáchymov, are particularly popular relaxing holiday destinations.

Beer

Beer has a long history in the Czech Republic, with brewing taking place in Břevnov Monastery in 993. The city of Brno has been granted a right to brew beer from the 12th century while Plzeň and České Budějovice, Pilsen and Budweis, built breweries in the 13th century. The most common Czech beers are pale lagers of pilsner type, with characteristic transparent golden colour, high foaminess and lighter flavour. The Czech Republic has the highest beer consumption per capita in the world. Czech beer brands include Pilsner Urquell, the world's first pilsner, and Budweiser Budvar. Other well known brands are Velkopopovický Kozel, Gambrinus, Radegast, Staropramen, Krušovice, Starobrno, Bernard and Svijany. The history of beer in the modern Czech Republic, historically Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, goes back further than the creation of Pilsner Urquell in 1842. Beer was made in the Czech lands even before the Slavic migration in the 6th century, although the ingredients were differed from those used nowadays.

