

Partner country of the month: Czech Republic

Our partner country this month is the Czech Republic. Below, you will find an introduction as to what our neighbouring country has to offer. We also want to give you an idea of how you can spend your time abroad in the Czech Republic and an overview of some of the places there are to explore. As a student at the University of Bayreuth, you can study at one of six different universities in the country. In this article, we will introduce you to the *Technická Univerzita v Liberci* and the *Univerzita Karlova*.



Facts & Figures

Capital: Prague

Population: approx. 10.6 million

National Day: 28 October (foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1918)

Currency: Czech crowns (CZK): 1€ = approx. 25 crowns

Time zone: UTC+1 CET - UTC +2CEST (March to October)

Official languages: Czech

A brief language lesson:¹

English	Czech
Hello	Ahoj
Bye	Sbohem
Thank you	Dík
You're welcome	Nemáš zač
Yes	Ano
No	Ne
Cheers	Na zdraví
Sorry	Celebňte

The Czech Republic is located in Central Europe and is full of architectural wonders. It is a landlocked country and borders Germany to the east. The cities of Prague and Pilsen are known for their special beer culture. In addition, the Bohemian mountain region is perfect for exploring the great outdoors in summer as well as in winter. Furthermore, the country offers a diverse array of art and love of traditions and folklore, which is celebrated every year through a variety of folkloric festivals.²

¹ https://www.tschechisch-lernen.at/tschechischlernen_anaengerinnen.php

² <https://www.evaneos.de/tschechische-republik/reisen/tipps/8581-tschechische-kultur-und-identitat/>
<https://www.college-contact.com/tschechischerepublik/kulturelle-besonderheiten>



Prague

Prague is not only the capital of the Czech Republic: thanks to being centrally located, it also represents an important hub that attracts more and more tourists every year. The capital is home to around 1.3 million people and has an airport from which you can reach the city centre of the metropolis in around 30 minutes by public transport. In general, the city's transport system is very reliable, and there is no need to have your own car. Both underground and trams are available and the outskirts of the city are connected by bus.

One of the city's most famous landmarks is the Charles Bridge, which today only allows pedestrians to cross the Vltava. Prague Castle is another important sight on the banks of the Vltava. However, not only buildings, but also countless gardens and parks are among the city's attractions. The Palace Garden is an example of a green oasis in the centre of the city. But there is also plenty of nature to be explored outside the city.

Culinary delights also abound in Prague, of course, and in addition to local specialities, you can sample a variety of international dishes. Those who like to experiment should stroll through the city's various flea markets and weekly markets, discovering different foods and drinks. The beer and coffee house scenes in particular have developed rapidly in recent years and are among the best in Europe.

If you would like to find out more about the sights and life in the capital of the Czech Republic, have a look at [this brochure](#).



Univerzita Karlova

Univerzita Karlova (also known as Charles University Prague) is one of the oldest universities in the world and enjoys a very good reputation both within the Czech Republic and globally. It has around 51,000 students, meaning that about one sixth of all Czech students study at this university. In addition, it has around 6,000 international students.



Over 600 different degree programmes are offered at 17 different faculties. The semester at the university begins in October, similar to Germany. The introduction week for Erasmus students therefore usually takes place in the last week of September. The orientation events are compulsory, as registration for the semester takes place there. So don't miss out!

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) at the university seeks to give international students the opportunity to get to know other students quickly and to make contacts. The organisation helps to make your stay as interesting as possible and organises various trips and excursions.

The university also offers various forms of support in finding suitable accommodations. You can apply for the "Halls of Residence" or you can look for accommodations privately. The rent for a shared flat in Prague is around CZK 6,000-10,000

per month. If you are looking for accommodations privately, it is especially important that you present yourself to the authorities within 30 days of your arrival with documents such as international insurance and confirmation of travel, so that you receive a confirmation of residence for the semester abroad. If you rent a room in the "Halls of Residence", the university will automatically take care of this bureaucratic step.

For more information, visit the [website of Charles University's International Office](#).



Technicka

Univerzita v Liberci

The Liberci University of Technology, with around 7,000 students, is located in Liberci (Reichenberg in German), a city of around 100,000 inhabitants in the north-east of the country.

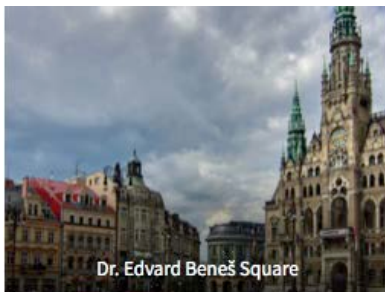
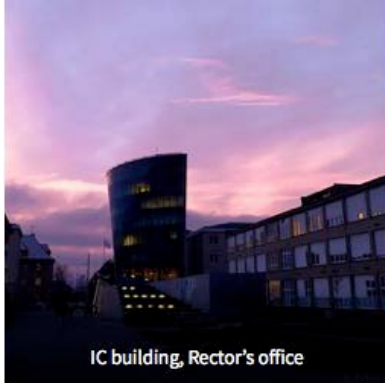
The university comprises 7 faculties and offers a wide range of English-taught courses. One special feature of the university is related to accommodations. Students do not have to go on their own search. Every international student is automatically guaranteed a place in the student residence ("Halls of Residence") upon acceptance for the semester abroad.

The institution is particularly known for its extensive range of sports and offers various opportunities for activities such as skating, tennis, skiing, sauna and swimming. In addition, the university and the



city of Liberec offer a special variety. For example, within 15 minutes by public transport from the ski slopes of the Czech Republic, you can make a trip to a theatre or botanical garden in the city centre.

If you would like to have a glimpse into the introductory week, you can watch the video of the university [here](#). You can also visit the university's [website for](#) more information.



The application deadline for stays abroad in the following academic year is **1 December** for bachelor's and master's students. Erasmus+ waives all tuition fees at the foreign university. In addition, you will receive a monthly grant of €330 in the Czech Republic, as the country belongs to country group 3 in the Erasmus+ programme.

You will find more information about funding [here](#).