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**Wine and Vintage**

Autumn is inseparably linked with wine-harvest festivals – the **vintage**. Wine is definitely not a newcomer to the Prague scene. The first mention of a local vineyard dates from the 10th century. (The vineyard at Prague Castle was supposedly founded by Saint Wenceslas himself), but it was Emperor Charles IV (1316-1378) who literally besieged Prague with vineyards. His city is now belatedly repaying its debt to him (and wine) not only by restoring the former vineyards, but with the burgeoning of local viticulture and the wine trade. There are generally a whole range of domestic wines to be sampled in the metropolis throughout the year, including both natural and amber varieties, as well as Central European and world wines. At the beginning of the vintage, this range is enhanced with a seasonal speciality – the **burčák**, which is a partially fermented grape must or Federweisser. At the end of autumn, it gives way to **St Martin's Wine**, the first wine from the autumn vintage, which is quite inseparable from roast goose, cabbage and "lokše" potato flatbreads. The St Martin's Feast menu of 11th November features in many Prague restaurants.

**Flavours of Autumn**

**Autumn in Central Europe is a right royal feasting season. With dropping temperatures comes a growing appetite, and local dishes that were too heavy for a hot summer take on a new appeal, wonderfully warm and satisfying. Autumn and winter are thus an ideal time to combine a trip to Prague with a foodie adventure, exploring Czech cuisine.**

Autumn is also a favourable time for **picking mushrooms** (one of the most popular outdoor hobbies among nature-loving Czechs), or harvesting fruit (especially plums, apples and pears) and looking for game on the restaurant menu – with roe-deer or red-deer venison but also the more exotic fallow-deer or wild boar meat.



**Classic pearls of Czech cuisine**

If you want to try at least one of the domestic culinary masterpieces, we'd recommend either roast duck or 'svíčková' (beef sirloin in a creamy vegetable sauce). The duck is typically slow roasted to a crispy finish and served with two types of dumplings – potato and bread-dough – and stewed red or white cabbage, or both. This simple, but taste-wise quite brilliant combination is an archetypal Czech dish. As with most Czech dishes, roast duck goes down smoothly with a beer.

If you should see **goose** on the menu, mostly served in a similar arrangement as the duck, do not hesitate. Goose tastes similar, but a little more tender. Traditionally, goose with potato curls and cabbage is served on **11th November on the Feast of St Martin**, the first tasting day of a young wine from the current vintage, the Czech equivalent of a Beaujolais Nouveau.

Although duck is rather a Sunday-roast kind of dish, the **svíčková** sirloin is quite a special-occasion meal in Czech households; its preparation is both laborious and time-consuming. Fortunately, you do not have to wait for such an invitation, with a delicious **svíčková** on the menu in quite a few restaurants. In essence the lean beef sirloin is marinated and then slowly roasted (it can be wild boar or fallow deer, in season) stippled with bacon. It is then covered in a special creamy sauce, sweet and sour, blending the flavours of root vegetables with several kinds of spices. **Svíčková** is also served with bread-dough dumplings, which do come in useful for mopping up the tasty sauce.

Many tourist guides mention **goulash** as an iconic Czech food. This common dish, which might be described as diced beef in a thick sauce, is a popular pub classic, but does not really belong in the treasure-chest of Czech cuisine. It derives from Gulyás, the dish of Hungarian herdsman – but the Czech version is much less runny and less spicy.



# The melancholy beauty of Prague's cemeteries



Vyšehrad Cemetery

**An ever more popular and distinctive trend among tourists and residents is to go exploring the cemeteries. There are some eighty of them on the territory of the capital, from neglected but poetic church graveyards through the Jewish cemeteries to major burial sites of several dozen hectares. The cemeteries' more welcoming attitude to the public goes hand in hand with the gradual transformation of their functions. They have long since ceased to be just places of piety for the bereaved, but have oft become a tourist draw, of huge cultural, historical and spiritual value.**

It is no surprise then that at some Prague cemeteries you'll find more tourists than those visiting the graves of their loved ones. Fear not – cemetery tourism has no mass appeal; the symbiosis of piety and discovering the 'bygone world' remains untroubled. There are several reasons why people are increasingly searching for the *genius loci* of Prague cemeteries. Not least, being drawn to some sort of sacred calm, rest, relaxation in the greenery, or to take pause; looking for answers to fundamental questions of life and death, the finality of being... while others perceive these places as a shrine to the nation's collective memory, seeking out the graves and life-stories of famous personalities, or just appreciating the funerary monuments. But you'll also find mothers pushing strollers, couples in love, photo enthusiasts or students doing their reading beneath the canopies of ancient trees.



Certainly, a most beautiful and quite mystical mood comes over the cemeteries every **2nd November, All Souls' Day** (popularly called *Dušíčky*), when people remember their deceased relatives, adorn the graves with flowers and light candles there. After dark, every necropolis glimmers with tens, hundreds, thousands of flickering lights. If you're staying in our capital during this period and have missed Halloween, say, why not visit one of Prague's cemeteries as a worthy alternative.

**In search of 'Saintry' Annie**  
It is not easy to pick highlights among the large number of memorial sites in Prague, but let us try to cover some unmissable places. The first of these is the beautiful **Malostranský Cemetery**, after its recent extensive revitalization. The name itself is somewhat misleading, for it does not lie in the Lesser Town itself, but in present-day Smíchov District (Prague 5), somewhat hidden between Pížeňská and Dušková streets near the **Anděl** metro station. It was founded during the plague epidemic in 1680, and ceased to be a burial ground 200 years later. The charm of the 'Lesser Town' cemetery lies mainly in the high artistic quality of its statues, tombstones and funerary sculptures in general. Distinctive among them is undoubtedly the tombstone of kneeling Czech prince and Passau Bishop, Leopold Thun-Hohenstein, owner of the nearby Cibulka manor. Many other prominent personalities are buried here, such as the father-and-son Czech Baroque architectural duo, the Dientzenhofers, or the leading Czech painter Antonín Mánes. Surprisingly, the most famous tombstone commemorates not a titan of Czech history, but is instead the 1851 tomb of Anna Degen, with a sculpture of a girl lying on a stone pedestal. Her story comes in several different versions. In perhaps the likeliest, Annie was killed accidentally when she fell out of a window; another account tells of her dying of tuberculosis at a tender age. Over the years, the stone girl has become a minor pilgrimage icon – especially for children who still believe that 'saintry' Annie will grant their secret wishes, and so they bring flowers, toys and pictures to the grave as a thank-you.

**Prague's Père Lachaise**  
Among the most popular funeral sites are the **Olišný** burial grounds, the largest such in Prague, covering over 50 hectares. This large rectangular expanse reminiscent of a city park is located in Prague 3 in Žižkov District and is bisected by Jana Želivského street, subdivided into a total of twelve cemeteries. It is estimated that during its existence (since 1680) some two million dead have been buried here, including numerous significant figures of Czech history.

A walk through the **Olišný Cemeteries** is an experience that only the most insensitive would not find touching. The seemingly endless series of manicured gravestones alternate with ancient tombs eerily covered by swathes of creeping ivy. You can also admire a number of interesting edifices in the cemetery – monuments, chapels, ceremonial halls, columbarian walls or even a compact Orthodox church. All this, perfectly enveloped in the lush greenery of mature trees. The **Military burial ground**, housing the mortal remains of victims of numerous European wars is undoubtedly worthy of attention. The **New Jewish Cemetery** in the eastern part of the grounds is a whole chapter in itself. By its size and the number of tombstones it is the largest of its kind in the Czech Republic. Here, too, many leading figures of politics, culture, science, and industry have their final resting place. Probably the most sought-out location is the **tomb of writer Franz Kafka** (tombstone number 21-14-21).

As already mentioned in the introduction, the progressive improvement of access to the cemeteries and public edu-



cation about funeral sites quite logically brings a growing interest in the city's burial grounds. The **Olišanský Cemetery** in particular is on the brink of becoming the local version of the Père Lachaise in Paris – one of the most renowned and most visited cemeteries in the world. Already, visitors here can make use of an **Infocentre** (with information also available in English), guided tours, small-scale exhibitions, lectures, the most famous tombstones linked by educational routes with information boards, etc.

**'The Greats' Cemetery**  
Vyšehrad, with the prominently visible Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul is a magical place, firmly part of the history of Prague and the whole Czech nation. So it is no surprise that the grounds here are an oasis of quiet remembrance, commemorating Czech greats – writers, composers, actors, artists, athletes and politicians. The **Vyšehrad Cemetery** with its noble arcades and an unmissable landmark – the **Slavin tomb** – is literally a pantheon of resounding names. The composers Bedřich Smetana, Antonín Dvořák, sculptor Josef Václav Myslbek (author of the statue of St Wenceslas on the eponymous square) are buried here, alongside the writer Karel Čapek or the conductor Rafael Kubelík. This most significant place for many (not only) Prague residents is also a great 'gallery of glory' and a reminder of how many outstanding personalities the Czech nation has given to the world.

- Near the Olšanský Cemeteries there is another large place of piety, in Vinohradská Street – the Vinohradský Cemetery. Buried here, among others, are the last Czechoslovak and first Czech President Václav Havel and his wife Olga.**

**How to get there:**

- Malostranský Cemetery:**  
Metro **B** – **Anděl** stop  
Tram **9, 10, 16** (Bertramka stop)
- Olišný Cemeteries:**  
Metro **A** – **Flora** or **Želivského** stop  
Tram **5, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16** (Olišanské hřbitovy stop)  
Tram **10, 11, 16, 26** (Mezi hřbitovy stop)
- Vyšehrad Cemetery:**  
Metro **C** – **Vyšehrad** stop

**Useful information and contacts:**

- Cemetery opening hours (daily):**  
Mar–Apr 8:00–18:00  
May–Sept 8:00–19:00  
October 8:00–18:00  
Nov–Feb 8:00–17:00  
(Malostranský Cemetery daily from 9:00)
- New Jewish Cemetery (daily, except Saturdays and Jewish holidays):**  
Nov–Mar 9:00–16:00; Fri 9:00–14:00  
Apr–Oct 9:00–17:00; Fri 9:00–14:00
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- Wenceslas Square**
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That's the name of our new Prague City Tourism brochure to mark the turbulent year 1989 and the 30th anniversary of the collapse of Communism, cogently, clearly and in context. It covers all the basic facts, sums up the historical setting and the main protagonists and calendarizes relevant key events in Prague.



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# Calendar of events

We bring you a selection of top-line events taking place in Prague this autumn. Dozens of others are listed on our website [prague.eu](http://prague.eu), where you can find more details about programmes, tickets, etc.



## Signal Festival

**10-13 Oct** [Prague](#) – various venues [# signalfestival.com](#)  
During these four evenings the streets, buildings, churches and public spaces of Prague transform into offbeat art objects and spaces under the direction of Czech and international stars of lighting design. Visual, site-specific, 3D and interactive installations, screenings and video-mappings will light up the better-known as well as the darker nooks and give original forms of 'rendering' to the diverse facets of the metropolis. This year show is themed with the Velvet Revolution and the collapse of Communism.



## Exhibitions

### French Impressionism: Masterpieces from the Ordrupgaard Collections

**10-13 Oct** [National Gallery Prague](#) – Kinský Palace, Old Town Square 12, [Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# nprague.cz](#)  
A French Impressionism exhibition extraordinary in scope, probably the most important Fine Arts event of this year in the Czech Republic. Sixty works of light and colour on loan from the Danish museum Ordrupgaard. Represented with masterly paintings are the greats of the era, such as Claude Monet, Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Edgar Degas, Pierre Auguste Renoir, and Camille Pissarro.



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### Helmut Newton in Dialogue. Fashion and Fiction

**28. Oct** [Museum Kampa, U Sovových mlýnů 2, Prague 1](#) – Lesser Town [# museumpkampa.cz](#)  
Museum Kampa, in cooperation with Kicken Berlin, presents images by the famous German-Australian photographer Helmut Newton, in the context of inter-war photography and the works of his contemporaries.

### Alberto Giacometti

**1 Dec** [National Gallery Prague](#) – Trade Fair Palace, Dukelských hrdinů 47, [Prague 7](#) – Holešovice [# nprague.cz](#)  
A retrospective exhibition of works by one of the most prominent artists of the 20th century, the sculptor and painter Albert Giacometti (1901-1966). He was notable for the existentially compelling elongated figures he created after World War II, but also works from the inter-war period, when he was one of the core representatives of Parisian avant-garde.

### Salm Modern #1: Dimensions of Dialogue

**1 Dec** [National Gallery Prague](#) – Salm Palace, Hradčanské náměstí 1, [Prague 1](#) – Hradčany [# nprague.cz](#)  
The exhibition centers on a selection from the collections of the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, with a profile of artistic creation since the 1990s to the present. It is supplemented by the current works of Czech artists, creating logical and surreal interconnections between artists of different generations, lan-

guages and media; the curators took their inspiration from the Jan Svankmajer's film, Dimensions of Dialogue. The original exhibition also transforms over time – some of the works are replaced by others during the project's lifespan.



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## Design

### The Mad Silkman Zika & Lida Ascher: Textiles and fashion

**15 Sep** [Museum of Decorative Arts, 17. listopadu 2, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# upm.cz](#)  
The personal story of a couple, Zika and Lida Ascher, who, after leaving Czechoslovakia before the outbreak of World War II built a textile empire in England serving the leading French Haute-Couture houses (Dior, Balenciaga, Lanvin, Cardin, Yves Saint Laurent).

### Dyzajn Market – Autumn

**21 & 22 Sep** [Václav Havel Square, Prague 1](#) – New Town [# dyzajnmkt.com](#)  
A sales exhibition of original creativity by Czech designers, taking place outdoors once again. The main segment is again about jewellery and clothing. You can, however, also look forward to porcelain, home furnishings, creative paper products and natural cosmetics. The event also comes with a food zone full of refreshments. Admission free.

### Designblok 2019 / Prague International Design Festival

**17-21 Oct** [Prague Exhibition Grounds, Prague 7](#) – Holešovice [# designblok.cz](#)  
The largest fashion parade of selected designs in Central Europe, traditionally showing designer creations and tailoring from the old continent, showcasing the latest from prestigious brands as well as prototypes by young designer hopefuls and leading studios. Each year, the event attracts over 200 exhibitors.

### Pleiad of Glass 1946-2019

**31 Dec** [Museum of Decorative Arts, 17. listopadu 2, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# upm.cz](#)  
Come and see modern designer glassmaking from the exceptionally valuable collections of the Museum of Decorative Arts. It is a collection of the best and most renowned studio glass sculptures, illustrating the varied development of artistic glass-making in the 2nd half of the 20th century by leading figures in the field.



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## Theatre, opera, ballet, musical

**Lolita**  
**8-23 Sep** [Prague](#) – various venues [# dvorakovapraha.cz](#)  
**Estates Theatre, Železná, Prague 1** – Old Town [# narodni-divadlo.cz](#)

The operatic version of the American bestseller about the passionate sexual relationship of an educated forty-year-old man, the literary scholar and writer Humbert, with twelve-year-old Lolita, a free-and-easy, insolent and lascivious American, raised a storm of controversy when published. The performances have Czech and English surtitles.

**Lazarus**  
**12 & 13 Oct**, other dates per the theatre website  
**Divadlo Komedie, Jungmannova 15/1, Prague 1** – New Town [# mestskadivadlaprazska.cz](#)

This is the last work by David Bowie, a compact musical about solitude, hope and the need to return, full of immortal hits by this extraordinary musical personality. You will also hear songs from the album Blackstar, released shortly before the singer's death. The performance has English surtitles. Bowie's songs are in their English original with Czech surtitles.

### Kylián – Bridges of time

**13 Nov (Premiere), 14 & 15 Nov** [National Theatre, Národní 2, Prague 1](#) – New Town [# narodni-divadlo.cz](#)  
Over the course of three remarkable evenings, the ballet of the National Theatre presents not only the works of leading Czech choreographer Jiří Kylián, but also of a notable guest troupe – the Korean National Ballet. The evening medley presents four opuses to the audience under the names Forgotten Land, Gods and Dogs, Petite Mort and Six Dances.



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**Daniel Sloss: X**  
**4 Nov** [Divadlo Broadway, Na Příkopě 31, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# fource.cz](#)  
The internationally acclaimed Scottish comedy star and holder of several awards arrives in Prague with his successful stand-up show "X".

**Lohengrin**  
**9 & 23 Nov** [National Theatre, Národní 2, Prague 1](#) – New Town [# narodni-divadlo.cz](#)  
Richard Wagner's magnificent romantic opera about the struggle of good against evil is set in an atmosphere full of mystery shrouding the unknown hero who has come to defend the honour of the Brabant Princess Elsa. Czech and English surtitles are used in the performances.

## Classical music

**PKF – Prague Philharmonia: Opening Concert of the 26th Season**  
**11 Sep** [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# pkf.cz](#)  
Two Viennese masters, two majestic works, two first-class protagonists. Beethoven's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 5 in E-flat major and Bruckner's Symphony No. 3 in D minor rank with the most admired and remarkable compositions. All this is brought to you under the energetic baton of chief conductor Emmanuel Villaume, joined by the well-known Macedonian pianist Simon Trpčeski.

**Prague Symphony Orchestra: Mahler – Symphony No. 3**  
**2 & 3 Oct** [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# fok.cz](#)  
Mahler's third. The longest symphony of the standard repertoire. This colossal work of six movements with eight French horns two choirs and one soloist runs for almost two hours. Chief conductor Pietari Inkinen will be joined by the young singer Ester Pavlů, and from the Organ Gallery a choir of women and children.

**Czech Philharmonic Orchestra: My Homeland**  
**9, 10 & 11 Oct** [Rudolfinum, Alšovo nábřeží 79/12, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)  
The ultimate Czech classic. Smetana's My Homeland is bound up with the history of the Czech state and with the Czech Philharmonic as firmly as perhaps no other work except Dvořák's New World Symphony.



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**Prague Symphony Orchestra: Antonín Dvořák – The 'English' Symphony No. 8**  
**23 & 24 Oct** [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# fok.cz](#)  
You will hear three iconic compositions of classical music – the "Alleluia" Symphony No. 30 in C Major by Joseph Haydn, the Concerto for Cello and Orchestra No. 1 by Bohuslav Martinů and as the final flourish of the evening, Dvořák's "English" Symphony.

**Anna Ntrepko & Yusif Eyvazov**  
**7 Nov** [Municipal House – Smetana Hall, náměstí Republiky Square 5, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# berin-iglesias.art](#)  
Soprano Anna Ntrepko and Tenor Yusif Eyvazov sing together with the National Theatre Orchestra and the Prague State Opera. The famous operatic couple will offer the audience their own interpretation of world-renowned classics.

## Other musical genres

**Michael Bublé**  
**17 Sep** [O2 Arena, Českomoravská 17, Prague 9](#) – Vysočany [# o2arena.cz](#)  
After more than five years, this Canadian music star returns to the Czech Republic to present (not only) the songs from his new album. Michael Bublé has five sold-out world tours to his name, has won four Grammy awards and sold more than 60 million recordings during his extraordinary career.

**David Garrett**  
**1 Oct** [O2 Arena, Českomoravská 17, Prague 9](#) – Vysočany [# www.o2arena.cz](#)  
This charismatic violinist of German-American descent has been active on the music scene for 10 years. In addition to classical melodies, listeners just love his variations on famous pop or rock songs. Garrett is not afraid to cherry-pick the repertoire of Coldplay, Prince or Nirvana. David Garrett's world tour will bring him to the O2 Arena for the first time.

**Eros Ramazzotti**  
**22 Oct** [O2 Arena, Českomoravská 17, Prague 9](#) – Vysočany [# o2arena.cz](#)  
This well-known Italian singer, songwriter and composer returns to Prague once again after a long pause. He has embarked on his new tour with fresh energy, new recordings, songs and ever-green hits.

**The Rasmus**  
**24 Oct** [Lucerna Palace – Great Hall, Štěpánská 61, Prague 1](#) – New Town [# lucerna.cz](#)  
The Rasmus, a leading Finnish rock band, arrives in Bohemia to celebrate fifteen years of their most fundamental album, DEAD LETTERS. Don't miss this great opportunity to remind of hits like In The Shadows, Guilty and more. 'Good ravens always come back', this time to Prague!

**Sarah Brightman**  
**8 Nov** [Tipsport Arena Prague, Za Elektrárnou 419, Prague 7](#) – Holešovice [# tipsportarena-praha.cz](#)  
The most successful soprano in the world, whose unique voice perfectly balances on the boundary between classical music, musicals and pop will perform in Prague's Tipsport Arena, where she will personally introduce her brand-new album "Hymn" to her Czech fans.

**The Lumineers**  
**10 Nov** [Forum Karlin, Pernerova 53, Prague 8](#) – Karlin [# forumkarlin.cz](#)  
A Grammy-nominated folk-rock band from Colorado, The Lumineers are getting their third album ready for the autumn, entitled simply "III", touching on three central themes – love, loss and crime. The Lumineers will perform their newest and their greatest hits (such as Ho Hey) at the Prague Forum Karlin.

## Music festivals

**Dvořák Prague 2019**  
**14 Sep** [Prague](#) – various venues [# dvorakovapraha.cz](#)  
Two weeks of beautiful music, star performers and extraordinary experiences. The selection of works by Antonín Dvořák will focus on his instrumental concerts, with the modern-day premiere of the first arrangements of Dvořák's opera "The King and the Charcoal Burner". Taking up the baton at the festival are, among others, the legendary Zubin Mehta, Neeme Järvi and Christoph Eschenbach. The audience will enjoy the solo performances by Ivo Pogorelich, brothers Gautier and Renaud Capuçon, Nicola Benedetti, Jiří Bábta or Gil Shaham. The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under Semyon Bychkov will perform compositions by Dvořák's friend P. I. Tchaikovsky.

**Struny podzimu (Strings of Autumn)**  
**15 Oct-13 Nov** [Prague](#) – various venues [# strunypodzimu.cz](#)  
The Festival will again bring a very distinctive selection of quality music. This year, the British singer and pianist Laura Mvula will be opening the festival at Forum Karlin, while legends of the hip-hop scene De La Soul will see to the finale at the Lucerna. The programme encompasses over a dozen concerts in various Prague halls, and is inspired by connections between contemporary classical, jazz, hip-hop and electronic music.

**Rudolf Firkusný Piano Festival**  
**17-23 Nov** [Prague](#) – various venues [# firkusny.cz](#)  
The festival will showcase five first-class pianists. Audiences are sure to appreciate recitals by the great Evgeny Kissin or Marc-André Hamelin. For the first time, the young Italian pianist Beatrice Rana will be performing in front of a Czech audience. Playing for the "home team" will be Jan Bartoš and lovers of Jazz will be delighted to hear award-winning pianist Aaron Diehl and his trio.



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## Culinary events

**Street Food Festival – Holešovice**  
**15 Sep** [Cross Club, Plynární 23, Prague 7](#) – Holešovice [# streetfoodfestival.cz](#)  
Professionals and amateur performers will be outdoing themselves with the best of street food. You can look forward to a simple and unfussy, affordable range of food, inspired either by interesting foreign street-food, or local street-food innovation.

**Vegefest**  
**27-29 Sep** [Vyšehrad, V Pevnosti 159/5b, Prague 2](#) – Vyšehrad [# vegetarianskyfestival.cz](#)  
A vegetarian festival focused on healthy eating and sustainable lifestyles. It will consist of lectures and workshops about permaculture, natural building methods, healthy eating, home production, zero waste, personal development and others.

**'Husobraní' (Goose harvest) and Cider Festival**  
**12 Oct** [Náplavka – Hořejší nábřeží embankment, Prague 5](#) – Smíchov [# foodevent.cz](#)  
The annual Goose Feast comes with a celebration of apple cider on the banks of the Vltava. The menu? Goose thigh, goose broth, goose pate, goose liver, roast goose, goose confit, smoked goose, gooseburger, goose rolade, potato flatbreads with goose lard... and in addition, more than 15 varieties of craft cider on tap.

**Festival of Delicate Flavours**  
**12 Oct** [New Town Hall, Lucerna náměstí Square 1/23, Prague 2](#) – New Town [# nrrpraha.cz](#)  
The historic interiors of the New Town Hall will be the setting for some great culinary experiences from all corners of the world. Sample a little and experience new combinations of tastes that will soon make themselves at home on your plate.

[Tips for Prague Autumn Vintage and St Martin's festivities can be found over in the article Flavours of Autumn.](#)

## Festivals

**Ladronkafest**  
**14 Sep** [Ladronka Park, Tomanova 1028, Prague 6](#) – Břevnov [# ladronka-fest.cz](#)  
The largest leisure festival in Central Europe, aiming to encourage children and young people to spend their leisure time actively and for their well-being. The programme brings together sport, movement, adrenalin, entertainment and art.

**Sculpture Line**  
**30 Sep** [Prague](#) – various venues [# sculptureline.cz](#)  
The organizers of this offbeat festival are showing sculptures and art objects by leading domestic and international artists, installed in the open in the city's streets and public places. The aim of the exhibition is to enliven public spaces and offer a new perspective on urban sprawl and works of art.



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**4 + 4 days in motion**  
**4-12 Oct** [Prague](#) – various venues [# ctyridny.cz](#)  
'Cultural adrenalin' is about to flood the city. This international festival of contemporary art will present innovative theatre projects, inspiring and stimulating events across genres, from dance and theatre exhibitions, audiovisual performances to discussions and guided walks.

## Sport

**ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup & ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championship**  
**5-8 Sep** [Prague White Water Centre, Vodčácká 789/8, Prague 7](#) – Troja [# slalomtroja.cz](#)  
Two prestigious water sports challenges in one place on the same date. A fabulous set of competitors on the water, a rich accompanying programme on the shore.

**99th President Stakes**  
**27 Oct** [Racecourse Prague – Velká Chuchle, Radotinská 69, Prague 5](#) – Velká Chuchle [# velka-chuchle.cz](#)  
The programme of the last day of the metropolitan season is dominated by the longest flat race of the year, the President Stakes Cup for three-year-old and older distance runners. Among other races is the ever-popular White Horse Cup of CK Martin Tour, in which only white horses may take part. In all, eight races will be run.

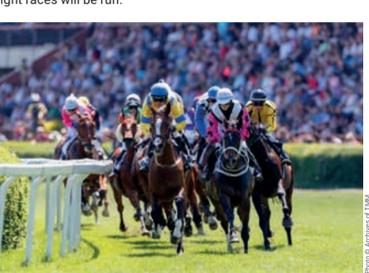


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**FMX Gladiator Games 2019**  
**2 Nov** [O2 Arena, Českomoravská 17, Prague 9](#) – Vysočany [# o2arena.cz](#)  
The roar of engines, adrenaline in the blood and an action-packed atmosphere. The biggest freestyle motocross celebration brings the world FMX scene to Prague. Spectators can look forward to a thrilling show, motorbikes, snowmobiles, a flying car, and other surprises.

**Global Champions Prague PlayOffs**  
**21-24 Nov** [O2 Arena, Českomoravská 17, Prague 9](#) – Vysočany [# o2arena.cz](#)  
A show-jumping gala. An exceptional sports event, with the best riders and horses of the show-jumping world. 16 top teams and 19 of the world's best riders will battle it out.

## 30th anniversary of the fall of Communism – 1989/2019

This autumn, the Czech Republic recalls the events of 30 years ago that fundamentally transformed the lives of Czechs and Slovaks, and after 40 years of Communist oppression led to the restoration of freedom and democracy. To mark the occasion, numerous exhibitions, concerts and happenings are going on, some of them listed below. More detailed information on the anniversary of the Velvet Revolution can be found at [prague.eu/1989](http://prague.eu/1989).

**1989: Fall of the Iron Curtain**  
**30 Nov** [Prague Castle](#) – Queen Anne Summer Palace, [Mariánské hradby 1, Prague 1](#) – Hradčany [# kulturannahradec.cz](#)  
Some seventy Czech and Slovak photographers, together with several international ones, give first-hand accounts of thirty years ago, when the country's history began to diverge from the Socialist bloc towards democracy and freedom. Among the creators of this unique set of exhibits are names such as Jindřich Štreit, Viktor Kolář, Vladimír Burgus, Pavel Štěcha, Herbert Slavík and others.

**November 1989 in the Streets of Prague**  
**25 Sep-26 Apr** [City of Prague Museum, Na Poříčí 52, Prague 8](#) – Karlin [# muzeumprahy.cz](#)  
Through posters, leaflets, photographs and film footage, you can recall the events of November and December 1989 in Prague. Visitors will get acquainted with the main events and their prime movers who were in the right place at the right time at this historical juncture and actively participated in the dismantling of the totalitarian political system.

**Technology of Dictatorship. Technology in the service of (denying) freedom**  
**9 Oct-23 Mar** [National Technical Museum, Kostelní 42, Prague 7](#) – Holešovice [# ntm.cz](#)  
What were the technical means utilized by the machinery of totalitarian power in the former Czechoslovakia to suppress the fundamental freedoms and rights of individuals and groups of the populace? And what, conversely, did the opposition use in the fight against dictatorship, in spreading free thought, or leaving the country? Both sides are explored in this remarkable exhibition at the National Technical Museum.

**Havel for President! The Year 1989 in Photographs**  
**15 Nov-16 Feb** [National Gallery Prague – Trade Fair Palace \(5th Floor\), Dukelských hrdinů 47, Prague 7](#) – Holešovice [# nprague.cz](#)  
The aim of the exhibition is to critically evaluate the images taken during 1989 and find the best photographic footage to remind of the events at that time. Imagery from the anti-regime demonstrations will be supplemented by images of everyday life or those reflecting societal challenges and political changes.



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**PKF – Prague Philharmonia: Beethoven's 9th Symphony**  
**13 Nov** [O2 Universum, Českomoravská 17, Prague 9](#) – Libeň [# pkf.cz](#)

At the opening concert of one of the largest multifunctional cultural centres, the O2 Universum, you will hear Beethoven's 9th Symphony performed under the baton of chief conductor Emmanuel Villaume. Enhancing the programme are stars like Joyce El-Khoury with a pianissimo that critics have likened to the renowned Maria Callas, the mezzo-soprano Stéphanie d'Oustrac or 'Wagnerian tenor' Simon O'Neill.

### Student Ensembles: Concert to commemorate Students' Day

**16 Nov** [Rudolfinum – Dvořák Hall, Alšovo nábřeží 12, Prague 1](#) – Old Town [# ceskafilharmonie.cz](#)  
The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra will welcome Joachim Gauck, the former President of the Federal Republic of Germany, to give a speech on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the events of autumn 1989 that brought down totalitarianism in Central and Eastern Europe.

**Concert for the Future**  
**17 Nov** [Wenceslas Square, Prague 1](#) – New Town [# festivalsvobody.cz](#)  
The culmination of events held as part of the Freedom Festival will be a concert programme in the upper part of Wenceslas Square. This packed programme full of concerts and speeches by figures of cultural and public life promises to bring a euphoric finale to the 30th anniversary. More detailed information about the performers will be published during September.