5 Reasons Why Prague is the Home of World-Class Coffee

Just a few years ago, this juxtaposition of words would have sounded ludicrous. But today, Prague is just a small step away from becoming a café superpower along the lines of London, Berlin, or New York. There are many reasons why Prague is unique for its coffee.

1. Keeping Pace with Global Trends
In recent years, Prague's coffee scene has moved forward at a rapid pace. The impact of the third coffee wave has combined with the new young generation of professionals enthusiastically dedicated to coffee. Prepare yourself for high-quality Czech roasters, all the current trends, and a unique local coffee culture concept.

2. Friendly Prices
The intense competition and popularity of cafés with the locals has kept prices at a reasonable level – in Prague, you can get top-notch coffee for less than in any other caffeine metropolis.

3. Architecture, Design, Tradition
Prague's long history gives every café a unique context. Architecture, design, and art blend together in businesses both old and new. The variety of styles and the individuality of the various neighbourhoods are what makes Prague special.

4. Divine Desserts
Czech sweets are delicious and pair well with coffee. Cafés often make their own desserts in-house, or else have them made by a local producer. Cakes, pies, cream puffs – don’t even think about leaving before you try one.

5. No Rush and Friendly Service
Most Prague cafés offer a relaxed atmosphere with smiling faces behind the counter. Just sit and chat over a cup of coffee – no standing, no long lines, no crush at the bar.

Czech Café Etiquette

Seating and Ordering
Most cafés in Prague offer table service. Ordering at the counter is necessary only at espresso bars. In most places, you do not need to wait to be seated and can sit down at any available table. Guests are seated by staff only in large and busy cafés or more luxurious café/restaurants where in some cases you won’t be able to get a table without a reservation.

Coffee Nomenclature
At cafés serving premium coffee in Prague, they generally use the standard global names for various coffee drinks, so feel free to order as you normally would. In historical and traditional cafés around the city, espresso is often ordered as "small" (piccolo) and "large", and when ordering, the staff will occasionally ask for your preference. A small espresso means a normal espresso; a large espresso is a not-very-good variation of an espresso lungo. You can get sugar and milk with your coffee in most places without any problem.

Paying
Most cafés in Prague accept credit cards. At espresso bars, you pay when you order; at cafés with table service, you pay before you leave.

Tipping
Cafés in Prague do not add tips onto the bill – it’s entirely up to you whether or not to tip. If you’re satisfied with the service, a 10 % tip is standard.
Choclate in both traditional and modern cafés in the Czech Republic is based on typical sweet treats, which Czechs love to eat with coffee. Here are some of the most famous — you’ll certainly come across them in Prague.

**Bábovka (Bundt Cake, Crown Cake)**
The most popular homemade dessert! Bábovka is usually made as a butter cake or a sponge cake. Ground nuts, cocoa, or chocolate bits are often added to the batter. Special variations include marble cake and “drunken” cake soaked with egg liqueur.

**Kremrole (Cream Roll)**
Sumptuous, puffy, crispy dough tubes filled with either whipped cream or meringue.

**Větrník and Věneček (Creampuffs two ways)**
Choux pastry like you’ve never had it. The větrník (“pinwheel”) is larger, is usually filled with two kinds of cream – vanilla and caramel – and topped with a caramel or chocolate glaze. Věneček (“wreaths”) are smaller and have a hole in the middle. They’re filled with custard cream and are glazed with sugar icing.

**Laskonka**
Czech macarons! They’re larger, oval and flat, and are filled with praline buttercream. It’s the Czechs’ greatest invention to go with cappuccino.

**Rakvičky (Little Coffins)**
A Czech speciality, hollow rectangles made of crisp yolk dough. They’re topped with whipped cream and their small size makes them an ideal accompaniment to coffee.

**Pražský koláč (Prague “kolache”)**
A rich dessert made with yeast dough sprinkled with streusel topping, filled with thick vanilla cream. You don’t see them often for sale, so if you do, snap it up!

**Buchty (Buns)**
A traditional baked sweet from Czech fairy tales. Buchty are small square buns of sweet yeast dough with a variety of fillings – tvaroh (quark cheese), povidla (plum butter), or mák (poppyseeds).

**Linecké (Linzer Pastries)**
Crispy butter cookies sandwiched together with redcurrant jam. The most common shapes are circles or hearts.

**Moravské koláče (Moravian “kolache”)**
Puffy circular buns made of yeast dough with various fillings (both inside and on top), plus a streusel topping; sizes vary from dainty to meal-sized. Definitely try the povidla (plum butter) and mák (poppyseed) fillings; the Czech Republic is the promised land of poppyseed enthusiasts.
Prague isn’t known just for its pubs and beer – there’s also a Prague café phenomenon, which forms an indelible part of the city’s personality. Cafés have always been gathering spots, not only for coffee lovers, but also for students, artists, and politicians to discuss the latest events as well as literature, art, and life in general.

Nobody knows for sure exactly when coffee arrived in the Czech lands. Coffee made its way to Europe from North Africa and Turkey via Venetian merchants. After coffee houses began making their appearances in major European ports, Prague was naturally next in line.

The first Prague coffee purveyor was an Armenian by the name of Deodatus Damayan Damascenus. At first, he sold coffee right on the streets of the city, a coffee table slung over his shoulder, a turban on his head balancing a tray, and on it coffee brewed in a cezve/ibrik. In 1711, Damayan established the first Prague café below the Mostecká Tower on the Little Quarter side of Charles Bridge – at the time the only bridge and therefore the most important thoroughfare in Prague. The café was located in the beautiful Renaissance building U Tří Pštrosů (At the Three Ostriches), nowadays a luxury hotel and restaurant.

The Golden Age

The greatest developments in coffee culture occurred during the 19th century. Towards the turn of the 20th century, coffee brewing habits began to heat up on a grand scale. Coffee roasting companies were established and even more cafés opened. The number grew not only in the city centre, but also further out towards the edges of the city. In the heart of the city, there were at least 120 establishments. The golden age of cafés had arrived, and they became important hubs of cultural life.

The interwar period in Czechoslovakia was a time of prosperity; the country had a visionary president, a strong economy, and an educated and ambitious middle class. During this time, Prague changed from a sleepy provincial city of the Austrian monarchy to a lively capital of the young republic in which representatives of modern intellectual and artistic spheres mingled – and cafés here played an irreplaceable role.

Famous Historical Cafés

Among these are the Café Slavia (pg. 22) in the Lažánský Palace, which opened in 1884 across the street from the National Theatre.
Over time, this made it a perfect meeting point for various well-known cultural figures, such as composer Antonín Dvořák, writer Karel Čapek and his brother Josef, known primarily as an artist, as well as poets Jaroslav Seifert (a Nobel laureate) and Vítězslav Nezval. During the Communist era, Slavia was also a favorite haunt of Prague dissidents including Václav Havel, who always sat to the side with a view of Prague Castle and watched guests and life on the street. From the windows of the café, you can take in one of the most beautiful views of Prague; the film director Miloš Forman maked a point of visiting Slavia every time he was in Prague.

Not far away, overlooking Národní Street from its second floor perch, is one of the oldest cafés in Prague, Café Louvre (pg. 24). It began operating in 1902; the German philosophical circle met here regularly, including law students Max Brod and Franz Kafka. At the time of his professorship in Prague, Albert Einstein was a regular guest on Tuesday evenings in the salon.

The Art Nouveau Hotel Paříž drew Czech surrealists to its café. Artists Jindřich Štyrský and Marie Čermínová, a.k.a. Toyen, met here with poets André Breton and Paul Eluard. (The hotel itself became the fictional backdrop for Bohumil Hrabal’s novel I Served The King of England – a brilliant work describing the dramatic twists and turns of 20th century Czech history in an engaging and entertaining manner.)

Decline and Renaissance

Café life in Prague thrived until 1948, when the rug was pulled out from under it. The postwar communist regime considered cafés to be elitist and decadent, and many were closed – some even disappearing from the map forever. In the 1960s, however, cafés slowly resumed operations, often connected with patisseries.

Along with the loss of cafés, a parallel decline of coffee (and more broadly, of gastronomic) culture took place, reaching its nadir at the end of the communist regime in 1989. Even in the 1990s, the usual café standard was the infamous “turek” – coarsely ground low quality coffee with hot water poured over without a filter – or instant coffee. The new millennium, however, brought a second wind to Prague cafés. Along with the new coffee culture, brought here from abroad by a handful of enthusiasts, came also a revival of cafés as spaces for cultural exchange. In addition to a plethora of espresso bars and neighbourhood cafés, Prague today even has theater, literary, and alternative/punk cafés – and more are opening all the time. Our guide will help you navigate the scene.
Just a few strides from the Old Town Hall, there’s a budding new café with a fine interior, delicious coffee and irresistible yummy treats. The main room’s centrepiece is a spacious rectangular table, great to take your friends to, for brunch. For those who prefer something a little more intimate, there are another two rooms, with sumptuous cushions. The meticulously selected premium coffee comes from local roaster Candycane Coffee and others. And if you feel peckish, order their avocado spread, beautifully prepared Eggs Benedict or any of the sweet snacks.
SmetanaQ Café & Bistro
📍 Smetanovo nábř. 1, Prague 1 – Staré Město  
📞 722 409 757 🌐 smetanaq.cz

A place where students, artists and people of all ages meet, with a magnificent view of Petřín and Prague Castle. The café is located in a sensitively renovated area, complete with Czech designer lights by Bomma, bentwood chairs and oak tables. Besides a selection of coffee from the Doubleshot roaster, you can also find a range of homemade desserts, assorted savories and soups, plus homemade sourdough bread. On a summer afternoon, relax with a glass of wine in the shady garden out back.

Urban Café
📍 Na Poříčí 1061/37, Prague 1 – Nové Město  
📞 725 572 679 🌐 cafeurban.cz

A "green jewel" in the New Town section of Prague. Just as the café uses natural processes to extract goodness out of the coffee beans, their décor is natural, too -- an entire wall is covered with green plants typical of Czech households, illuminated with purple grow lights. Come here for espresso or filtered coffee from the Berlin roasters Fjord, along with homemade buns, bundt cake, sandwiches and cakes. On hot days, try their sugar-free fruit lemonades with pieces of fruit or iced cascara, a herbal tea made with the dried skins of the coffee fruit.

Cathedral Cafe
📍 Týnská 11, Prague 1 – Staré Město  
📞 735 750 571 🌐 cathedral-cafe-lounge-restaurant.com

Primarily a tourist café located on picturesque Týnská Street, it’s worthy of a visit especially in spring and summer when the weather is nice. They have a fantastic outdoor seating area, an oasis of calm in the middle of the overcrowded city centre. If you’re in the vicinity of Old Town Square and need a bit of a break, Cathedral Café fits the bill perfectly.
Smiling staff and a location in Prague’s historical centre makes TriCafe the perfect place to stop during a walk around the Old Town. Their coffee comes from well-known European roasters and is prepared primarily as espresso. They offer a selection of baked goods and homemade cakes. The beautiful light-filled interior is reminiscent of an old Prague flat that belonged to Grandma.

The owners of this lovely café also own a furniture and interior design shop at the same address. It’s basically a showroom, a bistro, and café in one. Summer is an especially nice time to visit when the garden in the inner courtyard is open. A perfect central location, decent coffee, and a bistro with a weekly menu.

A cosy café in the heart of Old Town. Original Coffee is both a premium coffee roaster and a café offering fresh coffee. In addition to traditional espresso-based drinks, they are also thoroughly devoted to alternative preparation methods. And if you’d like to try Original Coffee at home, the baristas will be happy to help you select the right coffee beans.
Super Tramp Coffee
📍 Opatovická 18/ pasáž Spálená 15, Prague 1 – Nové Město
📞 777 446 022  📧 supertrampcoffee.cz

A hidden gem of a café, located innocuously in one of the New Town’s inner courtyards; a favorite of locals and the cognoscenti. A visit here positively encourages you to slow down and have a seat in the café’s outdoor area. Super Tramp takes pride in their selection of premium coffees from leading European roasters. Drinks are complemented by a selection of baked goods from their own bakery, which are highly praised by locals.

EMA espresso bar
📍 Na Florenci 3, Prague 1 – Nové Město  📞 730 156 933  📧 emaespressobar.cz

The most popular, the busiest, and definitely one of the best espresso bars in Prague. It’s always bustling at EMA and the beeping of the coffee machine doesn’t stop for a second all day. The café and its baristas have earned a number of industry awards. Their coffee selection alternates between well-known European roasters and smaller, local discoveries. If you manage to snag a seat, prepare yourself for some high-quality people watching over a cup of excellent coffee with plenty of Instagram opportunities. EMA also excels in its offer of homemade baked goods. Try their Czech buns, Prague kolache, or at least a Linzer heart cookie. Warning: during peak hours, the lines are long.
Oliver’s Coffee Cup
📍 Václavské nám. 58, Prague 1 – Nové Město
📞 234 101 138 ‣ oliverscoffeecup.cz

One of the few cafés on Wenceslas Square where you can stop for a quiet cup of gourmet coffee. Use this bright, comfortable café with a view as a base for planning your walks in the city centre, or to take a short break. They serve excellent homemade desserts.

The café is located on the second floor of Dům Módy (House of Fashion) clothing store; entry is through the shop floor.

Grand Café Orient
📍 Ovocný trh 19, Prague 1 – Staré Město
📞 224 224 240 ‣ grandcafeorient.cz

A jewel for all fans of design and architecture. The House of the Black Madonna, designed by architect Josef Gočár and built between 1911 and 1912, is an iconic work of Czech Cubism. The café, which was out of service for decades, underwent a thorough, faithful reconstruction in the 1990s. In addition to the enchanting interior, we recommend visiting the museum of Cubism in the same building. One of the café’s sweet specialities is their custard-filled choux pastry “věneček”; in a charming nod to Cubism, the pastry is executed here as a square rather than the usual circle.
Another of the large Prague cafés with a history reaching back to the very end of the 19th century. The café has undergone many operational, cultural, and political changes. During the post-1968 period, it was a favourite meeting place for Czech dissidents, including Václav Havel who famously went on to become the country’s first post-Communist-era president. The elegant café, with a seating capacity of 500, serves hot meals and breakfast all day long. If you’re a fan of history or design, you owe it to yourself to stop by this iconic spot. Despite its rather average coffee, the Slavia charms with incredible river views, splendid interior, unhurried atmosphere and fun people-watching. A sure bet from the reasonably priced menu are any of the sweet crepes.
**Café Louvre**  
📍 Národní 22, Prague 1 – Nové Město ☎ 224 930 949  
🔗 cafelouvre.cz

A large Prague café with roots going back to the turn of the 20th century. Louvre was one of the traditional Czech cafés through whose doors passed many famous authors and artists. The café’s current appearance is rooted in a long tradition. Louvre serves hot meals all day and is a favourite place for business meetings – it’s often full even at breakfast and lunch. The locals come here in the evenings for a glass of wine.

**Café Neustadt**  
📍 Karlovo nám. 1, Prague 2 – Nové Město ☎ 724 625 070  
🔗 cafeneustadt.cz

A bohemian, timeless, lively café in the courtyard of the New Town Hall. In one location you’ll find the juxtaposition of historical architecture, a varied cultural programme, and a modern café with premium coffee. If you plan a visit, be sure to time it to coincide with one of the concerts that are often held here. An ideal spot for coffee, a light lunch, or an evening glass of wine.

**Café NONA**  
📍 Národní 4, Prague 1 – Nové Město ☎ 775 755 147  
🔗 cafenona.cz

This treat for fans of communist-era architecture is hidden away in the Brutalist Nová Scéna building of the National Theatre. Enter the glass shell of the building and head upstairs; their coffee is good and you can enjoy the view out onto bustling Národní Street. The clientele is made up primarily of students, intellectuals, and artists.
Cafefin
📍 Nám. J. z Poděbrad 1407/4, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
🔗 cafefinvpraze.com

This busy and popular café was the first Vietnamese coffehouse in Prague serving premium coffee and combining Vietnamese and Continental cuisine.

In addition to classic espresso drinks, try their filter coffees by a variety of roasters or traditional Vietnamese coffee sweetened with condensed milk. The café is also known for its sweet chao rice, homemade yoghurt with black rice, and bánh mi sandwiches with avocado and beef.
Arguably the most Instagrammed coffeehouse in Prague, Spižírna 1902’s ceiling is covered by a custom-designed botanical wallpaper whose branches and tendrils crawl down onto its walls, creating a magical atmosphere of lush vegetation.

Aesthetics aside, Spižírna 1902 offers modern Czech food emphasizing seasonal and local ingredients. In addition to good coffee, try their popular yeast-raised ‘buchty’ buns or a fruit tart just like Nana used to make. The café is also popular for their rich breakfasts, weekend brunches, light lunches and evening nibbles that will please even vegetarians.

One of the first cafés that helped to launch the coffee avalanche in Vinohrady. This cozy café offers exclusively Fair Trade coffee from their in-house roaster (they have multiple locations in the city). During the summer, they have a small outdoor seating area out front. Stop by for an espresso made from Tracy’s coffee blend and something sweet from their own bakery.
Double B Coffee & Tea
📍 Anglická 15, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
📍 Bělehradská 59, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
📍 28. pluku 457/3, Prague 10 – Vršovice
📞 777 581 058  📩 @doublebpraha

A modern café which offers premium coffees of Russian origin from the eponymous roaster. At Double B, they know their way around espresso, plus they have a knack for the preparation and presentation of their own single-origin coffees. The spacious interior and location offer a calm respite from the otherwise bustling area between Vinohrady and the New Town. Specialties include flavoured coffee cocktails using homemade syrups and flavourings. Double B’s two other branches are on Vinohrady’s Anglická St. and in Vršovice.

La Bohème Café
📍 Sázavská 32, Prague 2 - Vinohrady 📞 734 207 049
🔍 labohemecafe.cz

Showroom and café for the well-known eponymous Prague roaster. The space is one of Vinohrady’s largest and most pleasant. Order your coffee and lose yourself for a little while in one of their comfy armchairs. Quiet atmosphere, attentive service, and excellent coffee.

Momoichi
📍 Římská 35, Prague 2 – Vinohrady 📞 721 364 002
🔍 momoichi.cz

Premium coffee with a Japanese twist. At Momoichi, they combine their love of premium coffee with a passion for Japanese culture. You’ll see it in the interior, in the meditative atmosphere, and on the menu. Premium coffees and teas are prepared here using both classic methods as well as the unique steampunk coffee machine Alpha Dominche. A cup of espresso can be ordered alongside Japanese filter coffee using high pressure extraction. A diverse but well executed menu satisfies even dinnertime appetites.
**Monolok cafe**
📍 Moravská 18, Prague 2 – Vinohrady ☎️ 739 018 195
🌐 monolok.cz

An established Vinohrady café that locals seek out during the day for meetings, in the evening for a glass of wine, and during the weekends for brunch. Monolok is truly universal and serves as an excellent base when you need to take a break, recharge, and plan out the rest of your day. During the summer, a cosy garden with plenty of sunshine is located inconspicuously in the courtyard.

**Café Jen**
📍 Kodaňská 37, Prague 10 - Vršovice ☎️ 604 329 904
🌐 cafejen.cz

A popular neighbourhood café where locals gather over breakfast or weekend brunch. Café Jen is renowned for its selection of homemade treats and a selection of speciality coffees from London roasters. During the summer, they open a beautiful outdoor seating area right on the street. If you find yourself in this area of Prague, definitely don’t miss Jen.

**Coffee room.**
📍 Korunní 74, Prague 10 - Vinohrady ☎️ 736 171 990
🌐 coffeeroom.cz

A typical example of the new coffee wave in Vinohrady: a small, cosy espresso bar that blends a relaxed atmosphere with the aroma of high quality premium coffee. Espresso is prepared here using alternative methods. Their coffee beans come primarily from roasters in Berlin, but they occasionally feature new coffee discoveries from the Czech Republic and Central Europe in general. At Coffee room, you’ll always find something sweet to eat. Despite the tiny space, they serve a generous breakfast and weekend brunch.

**Café Sladkovský**
📍 Sevastopolská 17, Prague 10 – Vršovice ☎️ 776 772 478
🌐 cafesladkovsky.cz

One of the first businesses to help kick off interest in Prague’s now-trendy Vršovice neighbourhood, Café Sladkovský takes its inspiration from the café atmosphere of the 1930s. During the day, we recommend it for breakfast, coffee, or lunch. In the evenings, the café transforms into a busy pub with locals deeply engaged in lively conversations. Hot food throughout the day and a good selection of homemade desserts.
Coffee that comes to you on two wheels: that was the original concept of the founders of this café. In addition to a genuine café bike, a staple of Prague’s better farmers’ markets, they recently added this brick-and-mortar version inside a lovely old house on Ruská Street. The cozy interior seats only a handful of patrons, but the kitchen dazzles with homemade Moravian kolaches and waffles. The coffee focus is primarily on espresso drinks with a few twists (try their coffee tonic). The perfect neighbourhood spot for breakfast or a light lunch.
Peter’s Apartment
📍 Slavíkova 1581/24, Prague 3 – Žižkov 📞 608 060 887
@email petersapartment

Ideal stop during a walk in Riegrovy sady (Gardens). A favorite place for breakfast lovers and one of the few places where they serve it until 2 pm. In coffee, they focus on the Czech roaster ‘Yakima’, preparing primarily for espresso. During the day, enjoy a light lunch (from Czech classics to more exotic offerings) while evenings are popular for a glass of Czech wine or a cocktail. The café is renowned for its Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch.

Café Pavlač
📍 Víta Nejedlého 23, Prague 3 – Žižkov 📞 222 721 731
@email cafepavlac.cz

A popular Žižkov café with a fantastic outdoor seating area in the courtyard, Pavlač is always busy and is full throughout the day. They offer breakfast, lunch, and light dinners at reasonable prices. A great place for a large group for beer or just for coffee if you want to soak up Žižkov’s bohemian atmosphere.

Kavárna Bazén
(The Swimming Pool Café)
📍 Prvního pluku 2, Prague 8 – Karlín
@email kasarnakarlin.cz

Urban renewal, punk aesthetic, great coffee: That’s Karlín for you. The giant, somewhat decrepit complex of former military barracks called Kasárna Karlín only opened to the public in 2017, but new features keep being added by the enthusiastic team behind its renewal. The latest among them is this café with a telltale name - The Pool, as that was once the space’s original function. The coffee by Candycane roasters is fine and the service laid-back, as befits the overall punkish vibe. The rest of the extensive complex includes a gallery, an open-air cinema, volleyball court, climbing wall, bar, and more.

🔍 Payments by cash only.
Both a café and a bistro with delicious food and a well-lit interior (inspired by Karlin’s history, closely connected with the Czech pioneer of electrification, František Křižík). A perfect spot for breakfast or a light lunch, Proti Proudu is also one of the very few coffee places in Karlin where you can get darker roast, Italian-style coffee.
One of the latest and certainly prettiest businesses on the Holešovice café scene combines authentic Vietnamese cuisine with European coffee preparation. The café-bistro’s chief visual feature is a wall covered with custom-designed lotus bloom wallpaper that along with the soft colour scheme helps create a calm, feminine atmosphere. A Vietnamese food menu is served all day, with daily lunch specials. In terms of coffee, choose from espresso, filtered, or traditional Vietnamese coffee sweetened with condensed milk - cà phê.

Dos Mundos Café Letná
📍 M. Horákové 600/38, Prag 7 – Holešovice 📞 732 243 223 🌐 dos-mundos.cz

The Letná district is well known for its coffee culture, and Dos Mundos Café has long been among its favourites. Come here to enjoy fresh premium espresso or filtered coffee from the eponymous Dos Mundos roastery. Hungry customers can choose from an array of homemade cakes and freshly-made small meals.

The interior is no less appealing than the coffee itself, with distinctive graphics and circular tables decorated with the outlines of coffee-producing countries. The most popular places to sit are a couple of red swings. The café also sells coffee beans to take home with you – the barista will be glad to assist with your selection.

Barry Higgel’s Coffeehouse
📍 Tusarova 25, Prag 7 – Holešovice 📞 774 648 157 📧 @BarryHiggel1704

This inconspicuous café with a pleasant interior is located on one of Holešovice’s quieter streets and focuses on premium coffee from around the world, prepared either as espresso or via other methods. With a small array of fresh sweets and a quiet vibe, Barry Higgel’s is perfect for any coffee lover looking for a friendly, quiet spot to read, work or study in.
Café Letka
Letohradská 44, Prag 7 – Holešovice ☎ 777 444 035
cafeletka.cz

This friendly, highly Instagrammable café with a colorful, shabby-chic interior is conveniently located in close vicinity of the National Technical Museum (a visit to which we highly recommend). At Letka, they combine gourmet coffee with a laid-back service and a nice array of homey sweets and sandwiches, open until midnight. A great place for breakfast or a light lunch.

The café’s inconspicuously marked entrance is shared with the student theatre Pidivadlo.

Cukrárna Alchymista (Alchemist Patisserie)
Jana Zajíce 7, Prag 7 - Bubeneč ☎ 732 938 046
alchymista.cz

The site or perhaps the most beautiful backyard garden in all of Prague – ideal as a rest stop during a walk through Letná Park. Here, the residential courtyard has been transformed into a colourful outdoor seating area full of sun and greenery. Add to that the exceptionally peaceful atmosphere, premium coffee, and homemade pastries. If you head there, stop by the coffee museum next door for a look back at the history of coffee from both Czech and international points of view.
Kavárna Pod Lipami (Café Under the Lindens)
📍 Čechova 1, Prag 7 – Bubeneč 📞 777 568 658  
🔧 @kavarnapodlipami

A lively student café offering Fair Trade coffee from the Mamacoffee roasters. During the summer, you can enjoy their stylish outdoor seating area and Letná’s great atmosphere. Pod Lipami offers good premium coffee for espresso and alternative brewing methods. It’s also a good place for breakfast or a light lunch.

Alza Cafe
📍 Jateční 33a, Hall No.8, Prag 7 – Holešovice 📞 225 340 111  
🔧 alzacafe.cz

Good coffee in an unexpected location. If you find yourself in the vicinity of the Holešovice Market, make a point to stop here for coffee. Don’t be alarmed – it’s located smack in the middle of a huge electronics store. It sounds odd, but paradoxically, the quality of the coffee here is excellent and compares favourably with cafés in the city centre. They’ve also got a good selection of open-faced sandwiches and pastries from their own bakery.

Ye’s Kafe
📍 Letenské nám. 5, Prag 7 – Holešovice 📞 725 506 723  
🔧 @yeskafestudio

A small hipster espresso bar. The owners have combined their love of graphic design with their love of coffee. They work upstairs in an enclosed loft and operate the café downstairs. The bright café and good-humoured staff make Ye’s Café an ideal stopover if you find yourself in Letná. Their coffee selection is inspired primarily by Berlin. To go with your espresso, we recommend trying one of their desserts, baked by their partner bakery.

🔧 No restrooms.

No restrooms.
This unique project combines a café and coworking space where the only method of payment is Bitcoin virtual currency. (There is an ATM for easy purchase, and the staff is happy to assist.) Bitcoin Coffee generally offers a selection of coffees from some of Berlin’s most famous roasters. They make fantastic espresso, as well as filter coffee from single-origin beans.

If you’re tempted to visit the National Gallery’s Trade Fair Palace in Prague (for fans of modern art, it’s a must), visit Café Jedna, located at the same address. The spacious café is bright, with high ceilings, and is open all day. It also features its own programme of cultural events. In addition to Fair Trade and gourmet coffee, you’ll also find a better-than-usual selection of teas from around the world.
Café Perdu
📍 Bělohorská 159/6, Prague 6 – Břevnov 📞 733 420 269
🔗 @cafeperdu

A homey French-style café in the middle of Břevnov, a charming and quiet district that the Prague coffee boom has largely avoided so far. The family-owned café feels friendly and comfortable, with affordable prices. The interior is decorated with photographs by the owner who, along with his wife, greets and serves the customers. In addition to their Milani coffee, you might enjoy their homemade desserts including a small gluten-free and vegan selection, and French wines.

Café Záhorský
📍 Eliášova 1, Prague 6 – Dejvice 📞 778 511 453
🔗 cafezahorsky.cz

Busy café, bistro, and bakery in Dejvice, a favourite of locals and students from the local universities. Stop by during the day for coffee or lunch; they have delicious homemade sweets served to you by the baker herself. The café has earned awards for its imaginative interior. When it’s warm, you can watch the busy street traffic through large open windows.

Kafemat
📍 Dejvická 3, Prague 6 – Dejvice 📞 721 536 200
🔗 @kafematdejvice

Neighbourhood espresso bar in the heart of Dejvice. The locals come here for a break with a cup of coffee and a chat with the barista. At Kafemat, they work with coffee from a London roaster. They prepare espresso drinks as well as using a few alternative methods. A great place if you want to start your walk in Dejvice with a takeaway coffee in your hand.
🔗 Limited seating, no restrooms.

Místo
📍 Bubenečská 12, Prague 6 - Dejvice 📞 727 914 535
🔗 mistoprovas.cz

Few cafés in Prague offer such complete service as the snazzy Místo – here, premium coffee is served in a spacious modern interior alongside hot dishes from breakfast and weekend brunch to dinner. In addition to espresso and filter coffee, there’s a permanent menu featuring innovative seasonal cocktails. At Místo, you can also stop by for a glass of wine or a beer.
Kofárna Café
Zborovská 84/60, Prague 5 – Smíchov ☎ 797 795 678
🔗 kofarnacafe.cz

A café and roastery in the underappreciated Smíchov district, Kofárna is typical of the new breed of Prague cafés. With a minimalist interior, self-roasted coffee, and food offerings ranging from cookies and pastries to sandwiches, Kofárna is youthful, friendly, and casual. Come here with your notebook, journal or novel-in-the-works – you’ll feel right at home.
of a sterile-looking modern complex, Home Kitchen welcomes you with an incongruously cosy interior of deep, warm colors, rustic wood, and soft lighting. In addition to a small menu of hot dishes, the main draw here is their excellent coffee from Danesi and Coffee Source roasters; the fluffy breakfast pancakes are also commendable.

**Kavárna co hledá jméno**  
(*Café Searching For A Name*)  
📍 Stroupežnického 10, Prague 5 – Smíchov  📞 770 165 561  
🔗 kavarnacohledajmeno.cz

A popular project by young urban revivalists Lukáš Žďárský and Jakub Zajíc, who bring unique buildings and spaces back to life. Here in Smíchov, they’ve breathed new life into an old carpentry workshop, transforming it into a busy café, full practically from the day it opened. The space blends the worlds of premium coffee with art and architecture – here you’ll also find a gallery and artists’ atelier. Homemade sweets, soups, and premium-quality coffee from Czech roasters.

⚠️ Note that the entry is through a small, unsightly courtyard that serves as a parking lot.
Café Taussig
📍 Vlašská 25, Prague 1 – Malá Strana ☏ 730 155 148
💌 cafe-taussig.cz

An oasis of calm with some of the most scenic views in Prague, Taussig is a training café for people with mental disabilities. Open only seasonally between May and October, it is well worth seeking out for its breathtaking vistas of Prague Castle – and refreshing homemade lemonade. All desserts are house-made, too.

Kaférna Praha
📍 Nerudova 32, Prague 1 – Malá Strana ☏ 777 224 070
💌 @kafernapraha

With the growing density of the Prague Café network it’s slowly but surely getting tricky to even think of an original name for a coffee-emporium. The Kaférna concept was born in Southern Bohemia, and the immediate success brought it... just below Prague Castle. The interior is a bit minimalist (white walls, chairs and tables), but the coffee and cakes are quite the max. On our visit, the servers were so friendly we suspected them of actually having fun.
Café Lounge

Plaská 8, Prague 5 – Malá Strana ✆ 257 404 020
✉ cafe-lounge.cz

A stylish café with a somewhat patrician yet cosy atmosphere, winner of a number of awards in café polls, Café Lounge combines premium coffee, good cooking, and their own in-house bakery. A favourite with the locals for meetings. Come just for coffee and something sweet during the day, or stop by for a glass of wine and dinner in the evening. A pleasant garden seating area is open in the summer.
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5. TriCafe, Anenská 3, Prague 1 – Staré Město
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19b. Double B, Bělehradská 59, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
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20. La Bohème Café, Sázavská 32, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
21. Momoichi, Újezdská 35, Prague 2 – Nové Město
22. Monolok cafe, Moravská 18, Prague 2 – Vinohrady
23. Coffee room., Korunni 74, Prague 10 – Vinohrady
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25. Café Sladkovský, Sevastopolská 17, Prague 10 – Vršovice
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27. Peter’s Apartment, Slavíkova 1581/24, Prague 3 – Žižkov
28. Café Pavlač, V. Nejedlého 23, Prague 3 – Žižkov
29. Kavárna Bazén, V. Nejedlého 3, Prague 3 – Žižkov
30. Café Phe, U Průhodu 9, Prague 7 – Holešovice
31. Café Jedna, Dukelských Hrdinů 47 (Trade Fair Palace), Prague 7 – Holešovice
32. Dos Mundos Café, M. Horákové 600/38, Prague 7 - Holešovice
33. Barry Higget’s Coffeehouse, Tusarova 25, Prague 7 - Holešovice
34. Café Letka, Letohradská 44, Prague 7 – Holešovice
35. Cukrárna Alchymista, Jana Zajíce 7, Prague 7 - Bubeneč
36. Kavárna Pod Lipami, Újezdská 1, Prague 7 – Bubeneč
37. Alza Café, Jateční 33a, Prague 7 – Holešovice
38. Ye’s Kafe, Letenské nám. 5, Prague 7 – Holešovice
39. Bitcoin Coffee, Dělnická 43, Prague 7 – Holešovice
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