Christmas in Prague

Christmas markets
Old Town Square / 23 Nov – 5 Jan / www.eshop.prague.eu
Wenceslas Square / 23 Nov – 5 Jan / www.eshop.prague.eu
Prague Castle / 23 Nov – 5 Jan
Královské zahrady square / 23 Nov – 24 Dec
Náměstí Míru square / 23 Nov – 24 Dec
Tylovo square
Anděl – pedestrian zone / 31 Dec – 23 Dec

Christmas exhibitions
Folklore in Botanical Garden / 23 Nov – 5 Jan
Historical and modern Nativity Scene / Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snows / 23 Nov – 5 Jan
New Nativity Scenes are here / Charles Bridge Museum / 29 Nov – 2015 / 1 Feb 2016
Shopping at a Christmas Tree / Botanical Garden of the Natural Science Faculty of Charles University / 27 Nov – 5 Jan
Bibliographical study in Renaissance Illuminated manuscripts / Cervený salon / 13 Nov – 2016 / 1 Jan 2016
That! Nativity Scene / Jiří Hřibek studio / 20 Nov – 5 Jan / 1 Feb 2016

Jákub Jan Ryba: Czech Christmas mass
National Theatre / 21 December / 8, 15, 22, 29 December
Miroslav Chapel of the Clementinum / 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 December
Marek Ogrizek, organist / Třešť Nativity Scenes / 19 Nov 2015 – 3 Jan 2016
The Church of St Nicholas in the Lesser Town / (Orchestra Benedictus & Choir Adalbert & Soloists)
The Church of Sts Simon and Jude / (Baroque Organ & Orchestra Benedictus & Choir Adalbert & Soloists)
Mirror Chapel of the Clementinum / 23 Dec 2015 – 2 Jan 2016
National Theatre / 28 Nov 2015 – 2 Feb 2016

New Year’s Eve Concerts
Baťa Auditorium / 30 December / Prague Philharmonia Orchestra / 1 January
Musical Rose / Prague Symphony Orchestra / 1 January
St. Salvator Church / 20 December (Praha Camera) and 30 December (Orchestra Benedictus & Choir Adalbert & Soloists)
The Church of St. Nicholas in the Lesser Town / 23 and 26 December

New Year Fireworks
1 January 2016 / Vanity fair / A breathtaking choreography of light, high above Prague is the ideal way to step into the New Year.

Three Kings Procession
5 January 2016 / Prague city centre / The traditional Three Kings procession takes on a new guise! The Three Kings Procession will set off on carriages from the Church of St Thomas in the Lesser Town and proceed over Charles Bridge to Old Town Square, where there is an accompanying programme.
Winter Events

Villa Rothmayer from 3 December / Villa at the Black Madonna / A new permanent exhibit on two floors showing a cross-section of Czech Cubism, focused on interior design and décor of the 1900–1910 period, up to the early 1920s.

The Nutcracker and the Cuddly Mouse from 3 December / National Theatre / The charming Christmas fantasy based on the famous story, presented in a new, original and sensitive staging. Set against the beautiful and renowned backdrop of Tchaikovsky’s music, a unique experience of music, movement and smiles for all.

LeDoni Leto (‘LeDoNi Leto’) 3 – 20 December / Prague Exhibition Grounds – Holešovice / Czech Press Photo 2015 – The ninth year of this traditional sales competition and subsequent exhibition of independent Czech and international photography. This year’s theme is History from the 3rd century AD to the end of the Ming dynasty in the early 20th century. On display will be one of the top 20 architectural highlights held for the National Museum – The Bodhisattva of Compassion.

Czech Cubism from 5 December / House at the Black Madonna / A new permanent exhibit on two floors covering the history of the cubist movement from its origins to 1920. It is divided into four sections, presenting the most important exhibitions of the cubist movement of this period, starting with the premiere showing of the most important works created in Prague in 1910. The exhibition is accompanied by a programme for kids and grown-ups.

St Nicholas rides through Prague 5 and 6 December / various venues / Take a wintry ride on nostalgic steam trains along the railway stations of Prague and enjoy meeting up with St Nicholas and his elves, who will be moving from house to house as part of the Christmas spirit.

Mozart Gala from 9 December / Prague Congress Centre / This concert brings you a special evening with the German opera singer and ensemble with a rare, and also a wonderful programme for kids and grown-ups.

The City of Prague Museum has opened Akoreacro. IceDays Letná. Starring this time round will be the French acrobatic troupe Nitro Circus Live. This magnificent skating show takes the audience through four far off countries as part of an extraordinary adventure. After the success of last year’s Christmas special with another season of the show, the crew bring their latest and most daring adrenalin-charged live show, this time in the style of a three-ringed circus from 1920.

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John Huss and the Hussites in Prague 1415–2015 from 15 December 2015 – 6 January 2016 / Prague Castle, Municipal House / A retrospective exhibition of one of the most distinctive personages of Czech 20th Century art, focusing on the early part of the 17th century. On display will be one of the TOP sculptural artefacts held by the National Museum – The Bodhisattva of Compassion. The exhibition project takes a look at money as a phenomenon we are all inexorably colonized by the current economic model. This magnificent skating show takes the audience through four far off countries as part of an extraordinary adventure. After the success of last year’s Christmas special with another season of the show, the crew bring their latest and most daring adrenalin-charged live show, this time in the style of a three-ringed circus from 1920.

Evolution: David Cronenberg from 18 February 2016 / Prague City Gallery – House at the Stone Bell / A retrospective exhibition of the work of one of the most intriguing and unique figures in the world of cinema. This internationally respected visionary progressively reveals the ever-present and obsessive themes running through Cronenberg’s body of work (fear, desire, sex, the conscious and subconscious, etc.).

The Soul of Money from 18 February / Municipal House / A festival of tourism, Holiday World is the prime event of its kind not only in the world. As always, the organisation is once again the non-profit organisation ‘Člověk v tísni’ (People in Need). Illicit Trafficking is a part of – whether we like it or not. Through the works and projects of `Top C`, the American tenor Bryan Hymel will present the arias of his most distinctive personages of Czech 20th Century art, focusing on the early part of the 17th century. On display will be one of the TOP sculptural artefacts held by the National Museum – The Bodhisattva of Compassion. This magnificent skating show takes the audience through four far off countries as part of an extraordinary adventure. After the success of last year’s Christmas special with another season of the show, the crew bring their latest and most daring adrenalin-charged live show, this time in the style of a three-ringed circus from 1920.

St Matthew Fair / 20 February 2016 / Prague Exhibition Grounds – Holešovice / The first Spring fair offering 120 Czech and foreign enterprises, 460 local and foreign guests, gingerbread houses, toys and much more.

Hurts 20 February / Isabella Arena / Many fans see their dream come true. The British duo Hurts has announced its biggest tour yet, in pursuit of their new album ‘Surrender’.

Spa on the Boat during the white winter season / AHK Boot Passenger / A unique event taking place on the river Vltava, thanks to its length and width is a wonderful venue of Prague City, a cycling dip in the river while a self-catered or catered meal.