Prague is a beautiful city and Czech people are kind and always trying to be helpful. But sometimes it could be pretty tricky to move around in this energetic capital. Especially if it is your first visit. This document should help you with some basic tips on how to “survive”.

Traveling
Thanks to rich history of the Czech Republic, Prague has one of the best public transport infrastructures to compete with any city around the world. You can easily get anywhere you want using either the metro, bus or tram. A ticket for use within 90 minutes costs just €1,20. You can buy tickets at any tobacco shop, newspaper stand, or in subway stops, and your tickets must be validated on entry, otherwise they are invalid.

From the bus stop in front of the hotel, you can reach the metro station Chodov on red C line. Then the whole city is on your palm. The best is to take off on Muzeum as you are in the very city center of Prague. If you take the road down from the National Muzeum, there is one of the best places for busking just on bottom of the boulevard.

Taxi drivers in Prague are notoriously bad! Always try to avoid the urge to wave a cab on the street, especially those parked around train or bus stations. Also, always ask about the price in advance and tell the driver you want a printed receipt at the end of the drive, which means they have to turn the meter on. You can also use Uber, or choose the local service, Liftago. Finally, locals always order a taxi from one of the main taxi operators in Prague by phone. This guarantees a cheaper fare (you’ll get a text message indicating the approximate fare) and monitored behaviour. The numbers of the two biggest operators are 14014 and 14015.

If you want to navigate yourself across public transportation and know the times of departures, download an app called “IDOS”. It's easy to use and very helpful, especially when you don’t know the system too well. It has an English version.
Food
Fast Food culture is not really that strong in Czech Republic so we don’t have too many “mainstream” fast food chains here. You can find McDonald’s, KFC, Burger King and Subway. But that’s about it. Czech people like to sit down and enjoy the meal in restaurant rather than rush it on a drive-thru. Take some time to search for some authentic Czech restaurants and you will not regret the decision.

Czech cuisine is meat based. No wonder that one of the most favourite meals is a combination of pork, cabbage and dumplings called “Knedlo-zelo-vepro”. Another specialty is called “Svíčková” (Sweetch-oowwa) which is beef, dumplings and a beautiful sauce with whipped cream and cranberries. Of course we cannot forget the barbaric invention of fried cheese with French fries and tartar sauce called “Smažák” (Smazha:ck). You should definitely try one of these. All of these of course are served well with nice pint of Czech beer. Any time.

If you are more interested in practicing and want to save some money, you can choose to go to supermarkets and buy something simple like a sandwich or instant noodles. It is better to go there at the beginning of your trip and buy some supplies for the week, so you don’t have to go back and forth too often.

In restaurants it is customary to tip. It is nothing close to 10-15% like in USA but here you usually circle it up to leave around 30,- Czech Korunas.

If you have some time, we highly recommend a restaurant/pub near to the Old Town Square in the direction towards the river. It is called "Krcma" and is designed in the medieval Czech style. Their food is amazing and you can order bigger than big beer. Sometimes people are calling it “Game of thrones” dining experience. If you go there during week day lunch time, they have very cheap menus. Even standard menu meals are not expensive. Great experience.
Drink
If you want to sit down, chill and enjoy nice Czech beer or wine, there are many options everywhere. Czech republic is the no. 1 country in consumption of beer per person so we know our stuff. Here are some of our favorites.

Favorite activity of Prague people (“Pražané”) is to go to beer gardens either overlooking the city or surrounded with trees to feel like you are in woods. The most popular ones are “Letna” (close to the SB final venue from last year), “Riegerovy sady” and “Parukarka”. You can have great beer and nice view to enjoy sunset over the city.

A very popular pub/restaurant is Lokál. There is one in “Dlouha” street and even though it is huge, it is usually full every evening. So you had better reserve a table or visit it during the day. Food and beer there are out of this world!

In the same street you can find the “Prague Beer Museum” where you can taste more than 30 draught beers. Don’t forget to order typical Beer Snacks like “Nakladany Hermelin”, “Utopenec” or “Pivni Klobasa”.

Night life
Night life is truly astonishing in Prague and something the city is famous for. You can meet many tourists in clubs, bars and pubs around whole city every day. Weekends are usually going on until 5 or 6am. Here are few tips where to go and what to be careful about.

Definitely do not buy cigarettes, alcohol or drugs from anyone on the street. It can get dangerous and some of the people during night especially in widely touristic place could be really persuasive. Do not worry though, these spots are usually filled with policemen.

Official after party club and one of the best clubs in Czech republic is definitely “Retro Music Hall”. It is close to city center in lively neighbourhood next to “Namesti Miru”. Great Djs, events and beautiful people. Better to visit after midnight and due to security reasons (drug dealers, quite time etc) you are not allowed to leave the club and return back. You need to purchase another entrance. Definitely place to spend various nights.
Disco “Karlovy Lazne” is the most popular among tourists. If you go there you might actually meet someone from your country. 5 floors filled with different music but expensive alcohol. It is straight next to Charles bridge and when outside it offers great view on Prague castle. If you are kicked out because club is finished, be careful outside as there might be strange people trying to get you their bar for “after party”. Do not walk with them.

One of the special clubs is called “Cross Club” near “Nadrazi Holesovice” metro stop. It has an incredible metal design and is filled with lights. Music genres played there are DnB, Dubstep and some underground music. Have a look at their website.

For bars you will be most comfortable in “Dlouha” street. Bars like James Dean or Harley’s are open until late morning hours so they are perfect for an after party. Also clubs Roxy and Atelier are there so you will have fun anyway.

And we cannot forget for the 18+ category only. Red Peppers on Wenceslas square is expensive but really classy. Darling Cabaret satisfy your needs and you should pay special attention to www.saunaclub.cz where you pay an entrance fee and everything is All-inclusive. No need to mention Showpark among here as you might know it from previous visits.

Tourism
Most cafes in Prague do offer free Wi-Fi, although there are exceptions. If you need a data plan and roaming is too expensive, buying a local SIM card might be a good idea. Despite what they might say, the offers of the three main cell operators (O2, T-Mobile and Vodafone) are nearly identical. The activation process might be tricky to do by yourself, especially if you do not speak the language. Ask staff to help you activate the SIM card and do not leave before they do so.

If you want to bring some souvenirs back for your family and friends, the most typical ones are: Wooden toys, Czech crystal, glass and porcelain, Czech spa
wafers or Becherovka liquor. Of course not to forget to mention traditional Czech bottled beer or a T-shirt with sign “Czech me out” or “Czech Drinking team”.

On the way up to Prague castle there are a lot of traditional Czech shops. Be careful there as items are expensive and you can get the same stuff anywhere in city center. One shop is worth your attention though. Almost on the top of the hill there is an Absinth shop where you can get various items that taste like Absinth including lollipops, ice-cream or chocolates. It might sound terrible but is a great experience and actually pretty tasty.

**Shopping**

Some of you I’m sure would like to do some shopping around too. There are some huge shopping malls to visit such as Palladium on “Namesti Republiky” or Cerny Most. But the closest one to hotel is shopping mall Chodov. It takes just around 15 minutes walk to get there. This mall has also a cinema with Imax room and most of the films are in their original language with subtitles if you fancy watching some blockbusters.

There are 2 main shopping streets (except all small stores in streets between Wenceslas and Old Town square) called “Parizska” (for fancy stores like Gucci, Louis Vitton, Prada) and “Na Prikope” (clothing and sport shops like Adidas, New Yorker etc.).

**Sweet spots**

It makes sense that when you are in Prague you would like to take some sick pictures with or without a ball. Here are few tips on where to go.

If you fancy busking and maybe trying to make some money for an evening snack, tourists in Prague love street performances and it is allowed in Prague 1. Try the very bottom of Wenceslas square in front of New Yorker or Old Town
square (might be tricky as there is no flat surface). These places are filled with tourists as they are the main pedestrian intersections.

Charles bridge is one of the oldest bridges in middle Europe. Filled with street artists it might be quite difficult to do some posing with a ball, but when possible it is worth it. The beautiful backdrop of Prague castle is especially effective in the evenings.

Everyone will tell you that the best view is either from Zizkov Tower, Petrin Tower or Prague Castle. They are not wrong, the view is truly beautiful. But it is difficult to perform any kind of tricks there so pictures are usually with a huge crowd or wall in the background. There is however one sweet spot calle “Panna Maria z Exilu” which is close to Prague castle and you can see literally the whole of Prague. Follow the instructions bellow or google the name.
**Language**

Czech language is like nothing you have heard before. Our grammar is almost impossible to understand and pronunciation of words is difficult. The younger generation are English language friendly so you can communicate properly but when you see older people, they are more likely to know the German or Russian language. But don’t be afraid to talk to people on the street. Czechs like to have interesting conversations and looking important while talking English.

The most common phrases you can find on links these below:


and here are some extra cheeky ones from previous Super ball booklets:

Thanks = Dick-y
Sweetheart = Mill- A- tch-kuu
Have you got any available sisters? = Mash nay-yakkay voll-knee sestrey
You have beautiful eyes = Mash motcz p-yeah-K-nee ott shee
Life goes on = Ten Dzz-ievot poke-ratch-U-yeah
I’m having a heart attack = Ran-E-min-yey, Mert vit-Say
Good bye = Chago Beggo she-len-say
Help me = Po mou dzesh Min-nay
Shots = Pan A tch key
Condoms = Pre-searve-A-tivvy
Bread = Klebba
Beer = PeeevO
Garlic = Chess e neck
Nurses = Sess tritch key
I’m lost = Ya sem mee mou
Horse shoe = Pot-ko-vaa
Cheers !! = Nass sDrravvee
Meat = Masso
Good work = ah yeah toe!
69 = She-does-that deviant
Fuck you! = Vy lish si prr-dell
Where is toilet = Ies em g:ei
That wasn’t clean = Tho nebbyloh tschistee
Wow! = Woooow
Call the police = Volleey FeeZli
Keep the change = Drob-ne: tsi neh-te