

## General Information on the Czech Republic



The Czech Republic is situated in Central Europe, with an area of 78 864 square kilometres and a population of 10.3 million. It neighbours on the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Poland.

The capital of the Czech Republic is Praha (Prague).

The President of the Czech Republic is Mr Václav Klaus.

The Czech Republic is a member of the United Nations Organization, NATO, WTO, IMF, IBRD, EBRD, OECD, and a new member of the European Union

Major cities: Praha (1 181 126), Brno (381 862), Ostrava (320 041), Plzeň (166 759), Olomouc (102 702), Liberec (99 155), České Budějovice (98 186), Hradec Králové (98 080), Ústí nad Labem (95 491), Pardubice (91 309).

Time zone: GMT+1, summer time GMT+2

Climate: temperature +20°C in summer and -5°C in winter

Currency: 1 Czech crown (CZK) - 100 hellers

Telephone Calls: International dialling code: +420

Payments: Banks and hotels accept all convertible currencies, traveller's cheques and credit cards. The following credit cards are accepted in the Czech Republic: MasterCard, Maestro, and Visa.

### TRANSPORT

The Czech Republic lies in the centre of Europe, and consequently is an important location for transport from throughout Europe. A number of transit corridors pass across its territory. The country's road system is one of the densest in Central and Eastern Europe. More motorways are being built, and a project is underway for high-speed railway transport. The speed limit is 130 km/h on motorways, 90 km/h on roads, and 50 km/h in towns and villages. The Prague Ruzyně international airport (PRG) is the aerial gateway to the Czech Republic. You can fly to many European cities from the Prague airport.