



Introduction: After World War I, the Czechs and Slovaks of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire merged to form Czechoslovakia, but then split in 1993 in the nonviolent “velvet divorce.” The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004. The country added the short-form name Czechia in 2016.

Cultural Practices: Czech people value direct communication, friendliness, and modesty. It's polite to say Dobrý den (Good day) or Na shledanou (Goodbye) respectively.

Tipping Guidelines: It is acceptable to tip 10-15% at a restaurant if no service charge is included. Tip bellhops \$1 (USD) per bag for carrying luggage to your room; leaving a small tip for housekeeping is appreciated. Tipping is not required for taxi drivers.

Climate: A temperate continental climate with cold winters and warm summers. The weather is generally mild, with snow in the mountains during winter and moderate rain throughout the year.

Religion: Roman Catholic 7%, other believers belonging to a church or religious society 6% (includes Evangelical United Brethren Church and Czechoslovak Hussite Church), believers unaffiliated with a religious society 9.1%, none 47.8%, unspecified 30.1%

US Embassy Contact Information: Tržiště 15, 118 01 Prague 1 Praha 1 – Malá Strana, Czech Republic; +420 257 022 000; <https://cz.usembassy.gov/>; mail: ACSPrg@state.gov

General Facts:

Regional Division	Central Europe
Capital	Prague
Airport Code / Airport Name	PRG / Václav Havel Airport Prague
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	CZ / CZE
Population	10,837,890
Language (Major Languages)	Czech, Slovak

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	420
Local Emergency Phone	112
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +01:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->CZK	Koruny (CZK) / 1\$: 23CZK
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, E
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	25% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	Yes
VFX Grant	35% cash rebate

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	11 + break
Working hours per week	55
Working days per week	5
Overtime	wage-dependent flat-rate surcharge per hour
Breaks	60 min after 5 th hour
Turnaround	10 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	No

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	equipped with cutting-edge equipment
Studios in the following cities	Prague
Themed backlot sets include	Medieval Town, Paris Street
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Diverse landscapes with historical architecture, mountainous regions, rivers, forests, rolling countryside, and picturesque medieval towns. Prague’s architecture spans Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance, and modern styles.