

## Dalaman holidays – Hassle free

Mark Backer is a guest writer for the Directline Holidays blog. Here is his essential checklist for a hassle free holiday to Prague - your downloadable guide.

### Getting there and transfers

- Get the best deals by travelling in the off (winter) and shoulder (mid-summer) seasons. The Easter, Christmas and New Year holidays are festive but crowded.
- Several budget carriers fly directly to Prague from British gateways. Book in advance and be flexible with departure dates to get the best deal.
- Arrive at the airport well ahead of departure time to cope with any check-in or security delays.

### Once you are there

- On arrival, use Prague public transport for transfers into the city to save money. City bus 119 runs regularly from outside the arrivals terminal to an outlying metro (underground) station in around 20 minutes.
- On the first night keep it simple with a stroll around the Old Town Square and Charles Bridge to get a feel for the city. Save the major sights, like Prague Castle or the Jewish Quarter, for a full day when you're fresh.
- Familiarise yourself with Prague public transport: it's quick, cheap and reliable.
- Watch for common tourist scams: avoid the mediocre restaurants on Old Town Square; don't hail cabs from the street if possible; use debit or credit cards at ATMs to get money as needed (instead of private currency exchanges).
- A couple of great places to eat or drink close to Old Town Square include the popular Czech pub Lokal at Dlouha 33 or Monarch at V Kolkovne 6.
- On your return, Prague Airport is a snap but give yourself at least an hour to get there during the work-week rush hour.

Find out more at <http://www.directline-holidays.co.uk/blog/hassle-free-prague/>

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## Useful Links

- Prague official tourist board website: <http://www.praguewelcome.cz/en/>
- TripAdvisor Prague forum: [http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/ShowForum-g274707-i96-Prague\\_Bohemia.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/ShowForum-g274707-i96-Prague_Bohemia.html)
- Prague Flickr group: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1001553@N24/pool/with/6227388312/>
- Prague airport website: <http://www.prg.aero/en/>
- Prague public transport website: <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>
- Prague Spring Music Festival: <http://www.festival.cz/en>
- UNESCO world heritage page about Prague: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/616>
- Prague Castle website: <http://www.hrad.cz/en/index.shtml>
- Prague Jewish Museum website: <http://www.jewishmuseum.cz/aindex.php>
- St Nicholas Church website: [http://www.psalterium.cz/en/start\\_en.php](http://www.psalterium.cz/en/start_en.php)
- Lokal - a great place to eat: [http://www.ambi.cz/ambi\\_lokal\\_eng.php](http://www.ambi.cz/ambi_lokal_eng.php)
- Monarch - another good restaurant: <http://www.monarch.cz/web/index.php?page=23&lang=2>

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## About Mark Baker

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