

# Make a Travel Brochure for Prague!



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## The History of Prague

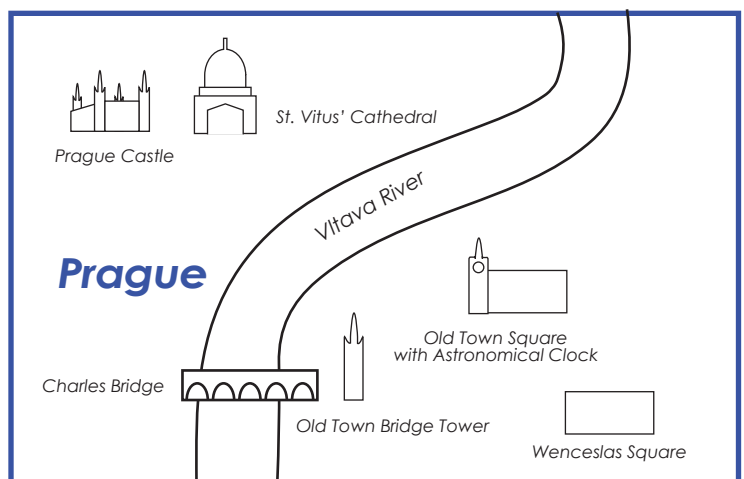
Prague Castle was built in 870, the first permanent building in what would become the city of Prague. In 1085, Vratislav II became the first Czech king. The area known as the Old Town was founded in 1231, and the Lesser Town in 1257. During the 14th century, Prague became the cultural capital of Central Europe. The Prague Castle area, called Hradcany, was founded around 1320. King Charles IV, perhaps the most important Czech king, ruled from 1346-1378. In 1348, Charles University was founded, becoming the first university in Central Europe. In 1355, Prague became the capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During the 16th century, Prague was a center of science and alchemy. Famed astronomer Tycho Brahe was drawn to the city, as were many other important scientists of the time. In 1784, Old Town, Lesser Town, Hradcany, and New Town were united. In 1918, Prague became the capital of the newly formed country of Czechoslovakia. During World War II, Czechoslovakia was occupied by Nazi Germany. The Communist Party took power in 1948. In 1990, Czechoslovakia became democratic and was divided into two independent countries, Czech Republic and Slovakia, with Prague as the capital of the Czech Republic.

## Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

The President of the Czech Republic resides at Prague Castle. St. Vitus' Cathedral is the largest and most important church in the Czech Republic. The Old Town Bridge Tower is a Gothic tower built in the 14th century. The Charles Bridge was completed in 1402 and is known for the statues of saints lining both of its sides. Wenceslas Square was a horse market during the 14th century, and is now Prague's central boulevard. The Old Town Square is full of a range of important and beautiful buildings, such as the Tyn Church, the Kinsky Palace and the St. Nicholas Church. It also contains an astronomical clock dating from medieval times. Its oldest parts date back to 1410. Every hour, the clock chimes, and an array of statuettes and moving figures pop out and put on a show.

## Famous Residents

Famous residents of Prague include tennis champion Martina Navratilova; writers Rainer Maria Rilke, Franz Kafka, and Nobel Prize winner Jaroslav Seifert; composer Antonin Dvorak; and scientists Tycho Brahe, and Albert Einstein (who worked as a professor at Charles-Ferdinand University in Prague).



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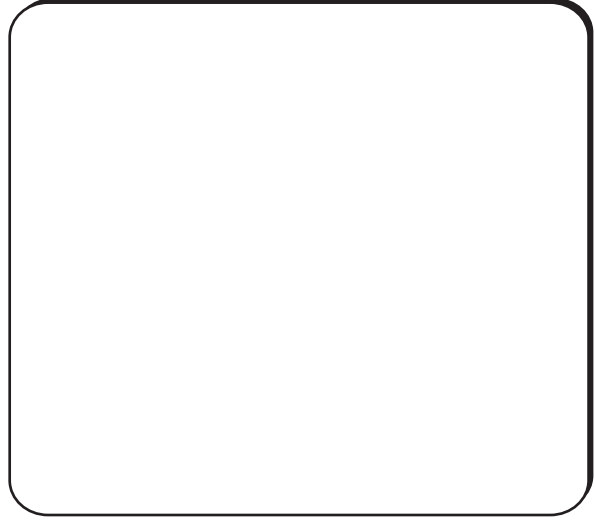
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