



Prague is the capital city of Czech Republic. It lies in the center of Europe, on a place that has been an intersection of continental merchant routes since time immemorial. It is called the mother of all cities or city of one hundred towers. It was the seat of Czech princes and kings from the tenth century A.D. In the mid-14th century, Prague was the centre of the Holy Roman Empire and Europe's third largest city in terms of population. As part of the Hapsburg monarchy, Prague remained the capital of Czech lands, which became the strongest part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in terms of economy during the 19th century.

Following the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1918, Prague became the metropolis of the new country. Prague is a large city of more than one million people, spreading over almost 500 square kilometres. Following the social and economic changes in 1989, Prague enhanced its historically strong ties with other cities in Central Europe, and has gradually been gaining a continuously improving position within the continental structure of big cities. Prague therefore deserves its recognition as being a high quality city. Different architectural styles mingle and intertwine here, and their symbiosis creates the city's unique atmosphere. The most valuable part of the city's centre was declared the Prague Heritage Reserve in 1981, which was included in UNESCO's world cultural heritage list in 1992. Prague is the seat of the top-level legislative, administrative and political bodies of the country - the parliament, government, and president; and the most important social, cultural and educational institutions reside here. The city is the entrance gate to the Czech Republic.

Prague is a center for tourists because they come here to see a lot of sights as: Charles Bridge, the Prague Castle, Cathedral of Saint Vitas, Clock Tower, Vyšehrad, Jewish city, Statue of Saint Wenceslas, National Theatre, National Museum, Hradčany, Petřín and its small Eiffel tower, Old Town Square, White Swam etc.

I have been living in Prague for nine years. In Prague I love the tourists and going between them and morning traffic with its burglars. The best thing which I love about Prague is all day traffic jams and smog.