

01. Czech Republic

Location and Geography

Landlocked country (enclosed by land only)

Central Europe; **Neighbours:** Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Austria

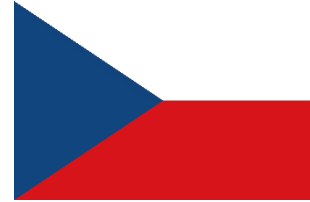
Highest mountain: “**Sněžka**” (1603 m)

Capital is **Prague**

Divided into 3 parts: Čechy (Prague), Morava (Brno), Slezsko (Ostrava)

Other mountains: the Šumava, the Český Les, the Krušné Hory, the Jizerské hory, the Krkonoše, the Orlické Hory, Bohemian Moravian highland (west), the Jeseníky and Beskydy (North)

Rivers: the Vltava, the Labe, the Morava



People

About 10 million inhabitants

Climate

Moderate, warmest area in the South Bohemia

Places of Interest

Castles, spas

Karlštejn, Křivoklát, Konopiště, Hluboká, Lednice, Zvíkov

Karlovy Vary (King Charles IV discovered hot springs while hunting), Mariánské lázně, Františkovy Lázně, Jánské Lázně

Historical towns

Praha, Kutná Hora, Tábor, Kroměříž, Telč, Olomouc, Jihlava...

Political system

Independent republic

The President is elected for five years

The President = “**Miloš Zeman**”

Government is divided into 3 branches

- Legislative (represented by the Parliament)
- Executive (President and government)
- Judicial (represented by courts)

Parliament = the Chamber of Deputies – 200 members (4 years)

The Senate = 81 members; every 2 years one third is renewed

Elections: public, secret, democratic, direct, universal

History

State was created at 1.1.1993. First president was “Václav Havel”. Before “Česká Republika” was created we were kingdom with the most famous king Charles IV, who founded University, Charles bridge...

Other

Flag

Consist of 2 horizontal stripes (white on top; red on the bottom) and blue wedge

Emblem

Is a coat of arms divided into quarters

- 1 and 4: silver two tailed lion with a golden crown
- 2 and 3: Moravian and Silesian eagles

Anthem

Kde domov můj (J.K.Tyl)