

02. Prague

Location

Situated on the **Vltava** River
In the centre of the **Bohemian** Basin
Area of is about 500 m²

Population

The most populous city in the Czech Republic
Over than **1.2 million** people

Importance

One of the oldest towns in the Europe → rich history

Places of interest

Dancing House – very non-traditional design

Prague Castle – seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia. The Bohemian Crown Jewels are kept within a hidden room inside it

St. Vitus Cathedral – tombs of many Bohemian kings

Lesser town – Hradčany; Prague Castle; St. Vitus Cathedral

Old town – Astronomical Clock (Orloj)

New Town – Wenceslas square

Culture and sports

The biggest events usually take place in **O2 Arena**

National Opera → every year The Prague spring takes place there

History

The city was established in the **9th century**

Charles IV, Bohemian King, and Holy Roman Emperor, chose the city as the capital of his whole Empire

Charles IV founded, Charles University, St. Vitus cathedral, Charles Bridge and the New Town

Prague is connected with the Czech religious reformer **Jan Hus** and the Hussite movement

In 19th century was built **Czech National Theatre** which was financed by Czech people

In 1918, the city became the capital of the independent Czechoslovakia

After the peaceful division of Czechoslovakia in 1993, it became the capital of the Czech Republic