

# **Charles Bridge**

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Brief	Information	Guiding
Charles Bridge is a stone gothic bridge that crosses the Vltava	- Country:CZECH REPUCLIC	Nearest Airport: - Ruzyny International Airport.
river and connects Prague's Old Town and Lesser Town (Malá	- Height : 9.5m	- Vaclav Havel Airport.
Strana). The bridge is 621 metres (2,037 ft) long and	- Length : 516m	Nearest Bus station:
nearly 10 metres (33 ft) wide, resting on 16 arches shielded	- Year Built : 1402	<ul><li>Staroměstská Bus Station</li><li>Malostranské náměstí Bus</li></ul>
by ice guards.	<ul><li>Number of visit per year : 378,277</li></ul>	Station
See more:		
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Bridge		

Known as the bridge of the saints, the Charles Bridge is one of the oldest stone bridges in Europe. The Charles Bridge connects the two banks of the Vltava River between the Czech capital, Prague. Not only

famous for its centuries-long history, but the bridge is also a representative of the architecture in an extremely romantic and romantic style and is a tourist attraction when arriving in Prague. Today, it is also known by the romantic name 'Bridge Love'.

#### **History of Charles Bridge**

In the 10th century, people on both sides of the river used to cross the wooden bridge. There is a priest in the Czech Republic who is very interested and impressed with the stone bridge in Italy, he brought this idea and talked to someone who was also very interested in building a stone bridge in Prague, that was Judith Durynská, wife of King Vladislav II.

Therefore, the king built the bridge from 1158 to 1172 and named her: Judith Bridge. This bridge is 500 m long, 7 m wide, built of red sandstone, and has 27 arches above the river. At the time the bridge was completed, it was one of the few existing in Europe. The bridge has been flooded with terrible history due to melting ice in 1342. Recently, the remnants of Judith bridge have been seen when the river water dried to its lowest level. Divers are working to find the remains of the old tree.

15 years after the Judith bridge was happy, a new bridge was built and replaced, many meters higher than the old tree with the aim of avoiding being destroyed by the Vltava current again. Completed in 1402, it is the only pedestrian bridge that crosses the Vltava River. It became an important trade hub connecting Eastern and Western Europe. This first bridge was called Stone Bridge or Prague Bridge, in 1870 it was renamed Charles Bridge.

Some information you may not know: Charles Bridge in Czech, called Karluv, is 4.5m wider than the old bridge. The bridge was rebuilt in 1357 thanks to the talented king at that time, King Charles IV. King asked astronomers and theologians to calculate the exact details to choose a good time to build. King Charles IV also placed the first stone to be built on July 9, 1357, at 5:31. the combined numbers are 1 3 5 7 9 7 5 3 1). The famous architect, Petr Parléř was assigned to build the project. The bridge is 516m long, 10m wide with 16 pillars. There are two towers at both ends like the watchtower of the bridge named Old Town and Lesser Town. All architecture of the bridge is in Gothic style. In 1657, when the Renaissance spread in Europe, 30 statues and groups of statues began to be built on the bridge piers according to Baroque architecture. In total, there are 75 statues, and possibly the most beautiful and ancient is the statue of John Nepomuk. Legend says that if you touch the bronze plaque at the base of the statue, you will surely return to Prague one day. I also tried to rub my hands on that copper board because I still hope to come back here one day.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, the original statues have been replaced by replicas, as many of the originals were flooded and destroyed by natural disasters over the centuries. The rest are kept on the ground floor of the national museum. For more than 5 centuries, Charles Bridge has been the inspiration of many legends and has witnessed important historical events in the history of the Czech Republic. The longest river Vltava in this country flows to divide the capital Prague with 18 bridges crossing, but the bridge that is always mentioned when it comes to the Vltava river or this Prague city is the Charles Bridge.

## **Experience Sightseeing, Taking Photos at the Charles Bridge**

Love Bridge Prague is the top scenic spot of the capital Prague that is loved by many tourists and is also one of the most beautiful bridges in the world for you to explore. Karel Bridge is the most interesting place to attract tourists thanks to the performing arts activities of many free artists in the world. If you want to have a sketch of your own, this is the ideal place. The sunset time on the Prague love bridge is

very romantic, it makes you feel extremely relaxed to watch the dimly flowing Vltava water or the boats going uphill on the waves. It's great to have check-in photos here, isn't it?

The best time for you to visit Prague's love bridge is in the morning when the weather is quite cool, and not too crowded, so you can enjoy the view around the city. it's a gentle air-breathing time. You can also come here in the evening when walking on the street at night to see the peace of the Czech people.

#### **Map Location**

