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1. Geographical location

Brno is the former capital city of Moravia and the political as well as the cultural hub of the South Moravian Region. It is the second largest city of the Czech Republic after Prague. It is located in the central part of Europe in a basin of the Svratka and Svitava rivers. The city is surrounded by woody hills from three sides. There are several streams flowing through it including the Veverka, Ponávka, and Říčka. A significant part of the city is forest and hence, compared to other Czech Republican cities, Brno has a very high air quality.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Cities/ Towns Lying Closest To Brno Are Ostopovice (8 Kms), Modrice (18 Kms), Orechov (18 Kms), Kurim (18 Kms), Rajhrad (18 Kms), Adamov (19 Kms), Blansko (30.6 Kms), Skalica (86 Kms), Vienna (113 Kms), Bratislava 122 Kms) And Ostrava (139 Kms).



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3. Significance

Brno is a youthful city with a good percentage of young population. The city is home to various universities, beautiful castles, historic monuments, old museums, and many other fascinating attractions. It has an active nightlife and boasts of some of the best pubs and clubs in the entire South Moravian Region. The city has a rather hilly terrain and offers spectacular natural views.



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4. History

A settlement was established across River Svatka (present Old Brno) in around AD 1000 and the city was established as a castle in the early 11th century. This is when it also became one of the centres of Moravia. It was in the 13th century that foreign colonists started to arrive in the city and Brno became Moravia's capital for the first time. In the 18th century development of industry and trade began to take place, which continued into the next century. The first train arrived in 1839 in the city and by the end of 1850, 32 neighbouring communities were added to the city.



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5. Cultural identity

Brno is the cultural hub of Moravia. It is home to a number of notable Moravian cultural institutions including the world famous Moravian Gallery, Moravian Museum, National Theatre Brno, Brno City Theatre, etc. There are around 89,000 university students in Brno, making Brno the country's largest student city by percentage of population. The city has numerous historical sights, including one designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and eight monuments listed among the national cultural heritage of the Czech Republic. Also, the city still preserves traditional Moravian folklore including folk music and dance, Moravian wine, and traditional Moravian costumes.



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6. Natural resources

Czech Republic is rich in various natural resources including hard coal, soft coal, kaolin, clay, graphite. The country, however, is heavily dependent on imported energy and raw materials.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Moravian Museum**

Moravian Museum located in Dietrichstein Palace was founded in July 1817 and is the second largest as well as the oldest museum in the country. Housing over 6 million pieces from history in the field of science and culture, the museum organizes temporary exhibitions and lectures that attract visitors from far and wide.

Address : Zelný trh 6, 659 37 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 659 37

Location : 49.1918575, 16.608458100000007

Contact : +420 533 435 220

Website : <http://www.mzm.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Brno hlavní nádraží Travel Terminal

Entry Fee : Adult: 50 Kč Concession (Students, unemployed disabled): 25 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday: 09:00hrs-15:00hrs Wednesday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 13:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Špilberk Castle

Dominating the spectacular skyline of the city of Brno, Špilberk Castle is situated on a hilltop founded in the 13th century by the Czech king Přemysl Otakar II. It persistently reminds about the safety and defense it provided to Brno for over 7 centuries. Considered to be the city's most important landmark, it was moderately changed into a huge baroque fortress and then into barracks from a major royal castle.

Address : Špilberk 210/1, 662 24 Brno, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 662 24

Location : 49.19449280000001, 16.599177000000054

Contact : +420 542 123 61

Website : <http://www.spilberk.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Hrad Špilberk Bus Station

Entry Fee : Combined entry: Adults: 400 Kč Concession (Students, disabled, unemployed etc): 240 Kč Casements only: Adults: 90 Kč Concession (Students, disabled, unemployed etc): 50 Kč Tower only: Adults: 50 Kč Concession (Students, disabled, unemployed etc): 30Kč

Open & Close Timing : October to April: Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs
May and June: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs July to September: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Villa Tugendhat

A historical building and one of the pioneering types of modern architecture in Europe, Villa Tugendhat was designed by the German architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe between 1928 and 1930. The mesmerizing architecture of the building highlights the application of innovative concepts to satisfy new lifestyle needs. Because of the high demand for tickets, it is recommended that you reserve a tour at least one month in advance.

Address : Černopolská 45, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.2071377, 16.616041300000006

Contact : +420 542 123 61

Website : <http://www.tugendhat.eu>

Nearest Public Transport : Schodová Bus Station

Entry Fee : Basic Tour: Adults: 300 Kč Concession (Students, disabled, unemployed etc): 180 Kč Extended tour: Adults: 350 Kč Concession: 210 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Brno Ossuary

Located under the St. James Church in Brno, Brno Ossuary is the second largest ossuary of Europe following the catacombs of Paris. Founded in the 17th century,

this underground ossuary contains skeletal remains of over 50,000 people that belong to the victims of Swedish siege, medieval plague, and cholera epidemics. Explanatory text is available in 7 different languages.

Address : Jakubské náměstí, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.19633659999999, 16.607984799999994

Contact : +420 515 919 793

Website : <http://www.ticbrno.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Náměstí Svobody bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 140 Kč Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 70 Kč

Children under 15: 70 Kč Children under 6: Free admission Family Package 2+2: 380 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Labyrinth under the Cabbage Market

Located in the historical center of Brno, Labyrinth under the Cabbage Market is a system of old cellars and medieval passageways. It lies beneath one of the oldest squares of the city and was formerly used for food-keeping, beer-brewing and other things. An underground tour (6-8 meters below the Cabbage Market) provides valuable insights into how the people in the Middle Ages stored food in their cellars.

Address : Zelný trh 21, Brno, Czech Republic

Location : 49.1923658, 16.6086128

Contact : +420 542 427 150

Website : <http://www.ticbrno.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Zelný trh bus station

Entry Fee : Adult 160 Kč, Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc) 80 Kč,

Family Package 2+2 380 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 mins

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Mendel Museum

Located within the Augustinian abbey in Old Brno, Mendel Museum is visited by approximately 8,000 visitors annually. The mission of the museum is to disseminate notions of an Augustinian Abbot, G. J. Mendel, highly regarded as the father of modern biology and genetics. This museum is also a huge place for the world of art with various exhibition plans.

Address : Mendlovo nám. 907/1a, 603 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 603 00

Location : 49.1910562, 16.593885

Contact : +420 543 424 043

Website : <http://www.mendel-museum.com>

Nearest Public Transport : Mendlovo náměstí Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 60 Kč Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 30 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Observatory and Planetarium

Located on top of a hill close to the center, Brno Observatory provides an unusual experience for both, the young and old. This educational institution is put together with a great concept. You can gaze at the starlit sky, hear about the solar system, explore outer space in the astronomical observatory and also enjoy performances related to celestial bodies. You must definitely include the planetarium in your itinerary while visiting Brno.

Address : Kraví hora 522/2, 616 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 616 00

Location : 49.2047026, 16.5837202000000016

Contact : +420 541 321 287

Website : <http://www.hvezdarna.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Náměstí Míru Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 125 Kč Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 100 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Monday and Tuesday: 07:30hrs-15:00hrs Wednesday to Friday: 07:30hrs-19:30hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Bishop's Court

Home to the largest freshwater aquarium in Czech Republic, Bishop's Court is a window to the rich Moravian wildlife. Providing a good deal of information about wildlife, a section on the history of money, and model mushrooms, it is a major crowd-puller.

Address : Muzejní 298/1, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czechia

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.1912995, 16.6083542000000008

Contact : +420 542 321 205

Website : <http://www.mzm.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Brno hlavní nádraží Travel Terminals

Entry Fee : Adults: 60 Kč Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 30 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday: 09:00hrs-15:00hrs Wednesday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 13:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. The Technical Museum

From music machines to electronic microscopes and steam engines, the Technical Museum in South Moravia presents extraordinary sights. The exhibits at the museum are placed categorically spanning over 3 floors with a game room having a variety of science activities that are enjoyable for kids and adults alike. It is the largest technical museum at Moravia and attracts visitors in huge numbers every year.

Address : Purkyňova 2950/105, 612 00 Brno-Královo Pole, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 612 00

Location : 49.22815740000001, 16.581443199999967

Contact : +420 541 421 411

Website : <http://www.mzm.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Technické muzeum Travel Terminals

Entry Fee : Adults: 60 Kč Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 30 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday: 09:00hrs-15:00hrs Wednesday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 13:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Zoo Brno

Stretched across an area of 65 hectares on the outskirts of the city, the Brno City Zoological Garden houses animals from all continents of the world except the Antarctic. The endangered species whose captive breeding is done here include Sumatran tiger, Przewalski's horse, and also few local species like the little owl and rare rodent species like European ground squirrel. A rarity in the zoo is the pavilion of the Tropical Kingdom.

Address : U Zoologické zahrady 46, 635 00 Brno-Kníničky-Brno-Bystrc, Czechia

Zipcode : 635 00

Location : 49.2300294, 16.533493200000066

Contact : +420 546 432 311

Website : <http://www.zoobrna.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Bystrc, ZOO Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 100 Kč Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 70 Kč

Family ticket (for 2 adults and 3 children): 270 Kč Children below 3 years, disabled people: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : November to February: Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs March and October: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs April to September: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Veveří Castle

Located 12 kilometers northwest of Brno city center near the Brno Lake, Veveří

Castle was founded in the 11th century. It is surrounded by the beautiful nature of the Podkomorské Woods. The castle bridge is mentioned as one of the first ferroconcrete structures which had later been decorated in baroque style. Thanks to recent renovations, this Gothic royal castle makes for a great visit.

Address : 664 71 Veverská Bítýška-Brno-Bystrc, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 664 71

Location : 49.2567688, 16.461760099999992

Contact : +420 549 420 164

Website : <http://www.veveri.cz/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Hrad Veverí Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 20 Kc Concession (Students, seniors, unemployed etc): 10 Kc

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Tuesday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs May and June: Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs July, August, and September: Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs (Note: Last tour starts an hour before the closing time)

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Capuchin Crypt

If you are a lover of history and art, this unique monument is sure to inspire you. It features gorgeous Baroque statues made by Jan Adam Nessman and a crypt established in the 17th century. The bodies in the crypt date back hundreds of years and have turned into mummies as a result of the geological composition of the ground and the system of airing.

Address : Kapucínské nám. 303/5; 602 00 Brno Czech Republic

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.1915121, 16.609890199999995

Contact : +420 511 140 053

Website : <https://www.kapucini.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Brno hlavní nádraží Travel Terminals

Entry Fee : Adults: 70 Kc Concession (Students, seniors etc): 35 Kc Senior Fee: 35 Kc Family Fee: 150 Kc

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Sunday:

11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Old Town Hall

Dating back to 13th century, the Old Town Hall of Brno is the oldest secular building in the city and offers mesmeric views of the city. Various unique symbols and legends of the city can be found in the building and passage itself. Having been established in 1240, it served as the town hall from 1373 to 1935, and now the premises are used by the Brno Tourist Information Centre. The main portal dates back to the Gothic period, but the Renaissance style additions were made recently.

Address : Radnická 8-10, Brno 602 00 Czech Republic

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.1930913, 16.6086138000000057

Contact : +420 542 427 150

Website : <https://www.ticbrno.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Zelný trh Travel Terminals

Entry Fee : Adults: 60 Kč Concession (Students, seniors etc): 30 Kč Family Fee: 120 Kč

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. St. James' Church

Located in James' Square (Jakubské náměstí) in the center of the city, Church of St. James (Kostel sv. Jakuba) is a perfect landmark owing to its sheer size and distinct style. It is known for its architectural brilliance and is a perfect example of the late Gothic architecture in the Czech Republic from the 14th and 15th centuries. The church was categorized as a national monument in 1995 and is very famous among tourists.

Address : Jakubské nám., 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.1965873, 16.60835480000003

Contact : +420 542 212 039

Website : <http://www.svatyjakubbrno.wz.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Náměstí Svobody Travel Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul

Standing atop Petrov Hill in the center of the city, the Cathedral of St Peter & Paul is a national cultural monument. It is one of the most important pieces of architecture in South Moravia and is best known for its gothic revival and baroque architecture. Visitors might also like climbing the cathedral tower to have a beautiful view of the city.

Address : Petrov 9, 602 00 Brno 2, Czech Republic

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.1910184, 16.607414400000004

Contact : +420 543 235 031

Website : <http://www.katedrala-petrov.cz>

Nearest Public Transport : Šilingrovo náměstí Travel Terminals

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 08:15hrs-18:00hrs Sunday: 07:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Avion Shopping Park

Being the first shopping destination of its kind in Brno, it attracts visitors, especially from the Southern Moravia region. The mall houses major brands and famous outlets along with eateries, making it a perfect outing for shoppers.

Address : Skandinávská, Skandinávská 128/2, 619 00 Brno-jih, Czechia

Zipcode : 619 00

Location : 49.157616, 16.626813999999968

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. OC Olympia Brno

Housing over 200 stores, a chain of restaurants, and multiplexes, OC Olympia Brno is one of the largest shopping malls in Brno and also a favorite among locals. This mall is definitely a shopper's paradise and a great place to spend some free time.

Address : U Dálnice 777, 664 42 Modřice, Czechia

Zipcode : 664 42

Location : 49.1377451, 16.633820799999967

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Galerie Vaňkovka

Built on an area of 28,800 square meters, Galerie Vaňkovka has 130 shopping units and various entertainment options. Located on the borders of the historic downtown of Brno, this mall attracts a large number of visitors.

Address : Ve Vaňkovce 462/1, 602 00 Brno, Czechia

Zipcode : 602 00

Location : 49.1881784, 16.614816000000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

Brno does not offer many adventure sporting opportunities. But one can play Paintball when in the city:

- **Paintball Arena Brno -**

Address : Jana Babáka 11, 616 00 Brno-Královo Pole, Czech Republic

Location : 49.2175236,16.5875422999999

Contact No : +420 604 253 828

Website : <http://www.paintball-brno.cz/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tererova Travel Terminals

Entry Fees : Outdoor: 290 Kc per day Indoor: 190 Kc per hour

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 10 minutes

9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Among not so popular sports events, Brno has a long history of motor racing and horse racing. The city hosts the 'Czech Republic motorcycle Grand Prix (Moto GP)' annually, which is the most famous motor race in the Czech Republic. The Moto GP comes to Brno in the third week of August every year. It is a massive event and attracts fans from all over the world.

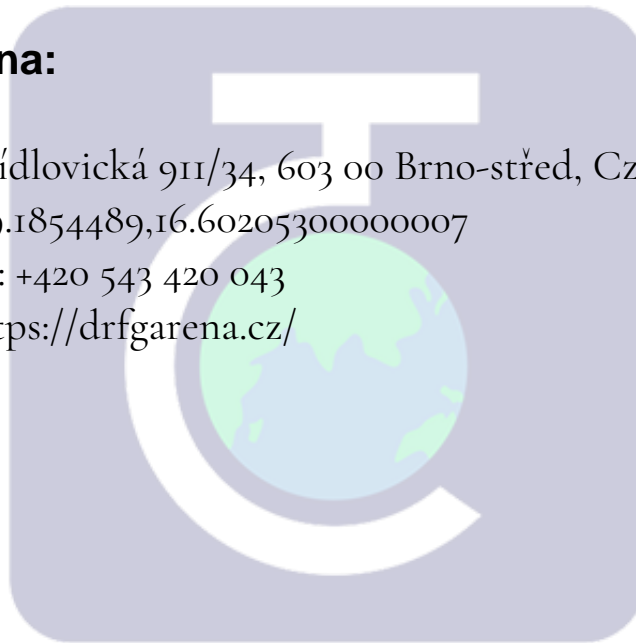
- **DRFG Arena:**

Address : Křídlovická 911/34, 603 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.1854489,16.602053000000007

Contact No : +420 543 420 043

Website : <https://drfgarena.cz/>



10. Spas and relaxation

The wellness industry of Czech Republic is centuries old and well known even beyond the border of the country. When in Brno for a vacation, it is advised that you escape from the chaos of the city at least once to relax and rejuvenate yourself with a top European spa! Some of the best spa and wellness centres in the city are as listed below:

- **Hotel Brno Maximus Resort:**

Address : Hrázní 327/4a, 635 00 Brno-Kníničky, Czech Republic

Location : 49.243561,16.515852

Contact No : +420 546 221 035

Website : <https://www.maximus-resort.cz/en/wellness-brno/>

- **Wellness Centrum Santon:**

Address : Přístavní 1064/38, 635 00 Brno-Bystrc, Czech Republic

Location : 49.230632,16.518395

Contact No : +420 702 152 841

Website : <https://www.resortsanton.cz/>

- **TAWAN Barceló Brno Palace:**

Address : Šilingrovo nám. 265/2, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic

Location : 49.192224,16.605559

Contact No : +420 532 156 611

Website : <https://www.tawan.cz>

- **Happy Yoga Brno:**

Address : Mendlovo namesti 419/2, Brno 603 00, Czech Republic

Location : 49.191709,16.595361

Contact No : +420 606 651 616

Website : <https://www.happyoga.cz/>

- **Jasmine - thajské masáže a lázn?:**

Address : Nové Semilasso, Palackého tř. 3048/124, 612 00 Brno-Královo Pole, Czech Republic

Location : 49.227084,16.593572

Contact No : +420 511 120 983

Website : <http://jasminespa.cz/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Vinex

Vinex is an International Wine Fair held in Brno Exhibition Centre. The focus of the fair is centered around Machines and technologies for production of wine, Machines and equipment for planting out and cultivation of vineyards, grape harvest and transportation etc.

Pivex

Pivex is an International Beer Fair held in Brno Exhibition Centre. The focus of the fair is centered around beer, brewery equipment, filling plants, malthouse equipment etc.

Ignis Brunensis

Held annually at the end of May and beginning of June, Ignis Brunensis is a popular Fireworks Festival in Brno. Major highlights of the event include an international firework competition and 'Balloon Jam' (an event during which the visitors can watch dozens of hot-

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The Moto GP is a massive motorcycling event held on the Brno Circuit (also known as the Masaryk circuit) every year in the third week of August. It is a huge event and since 1930, it has enjoyed participation from world's most famous riders. The event attracts more than 200,000 fans of motorsports each year. International Engineering Fair

The International Engineering Fair (MSV) is the leading industrial trade fair in Central Europe. It is a 5-day event and attracts annual participation from more than 1500 exhibitors.

New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is celebrated with great pomp and show everywhere in the city, in hotels, restaurants and even in the streets. The fireworks display is worth a sight.



12. Key local guides and tours

Although Brno is a city best explored on your own, having a local guide will help you gain a more immersive experience. There are many custom private tours (thematic tours, river cruises, day trips, food and beer tours etc.) available in the city and you may pick one based on your liking. Given below are some of the most popular tour guides in Brno: i) Jitřenka Kuboňová Jitřenka has been living in the historical center of Brno for 40 years now. Her tours are majorly centered around the historical monuments of the city. ii) Jana zemanová Jana is a licensed tour guide fluent in Italian and Russian. She can personalize tours to tailor-fit your special requirements. iii) Helena Svedova Born and brought up in Brno, Helena is famous for off-beat city tours. She has rich local knowledge and is great at interpreting from Czech to English. iv) Miroslav Prokes Miroslav specializes in historical city tours. Other than Czech, he is fluent in Swedish, Polish, Slovak, Russian, German and English v) Katerina Prusova Katerina is a professional tour guide. She provides general sightseeing tours for first time visitors especially.

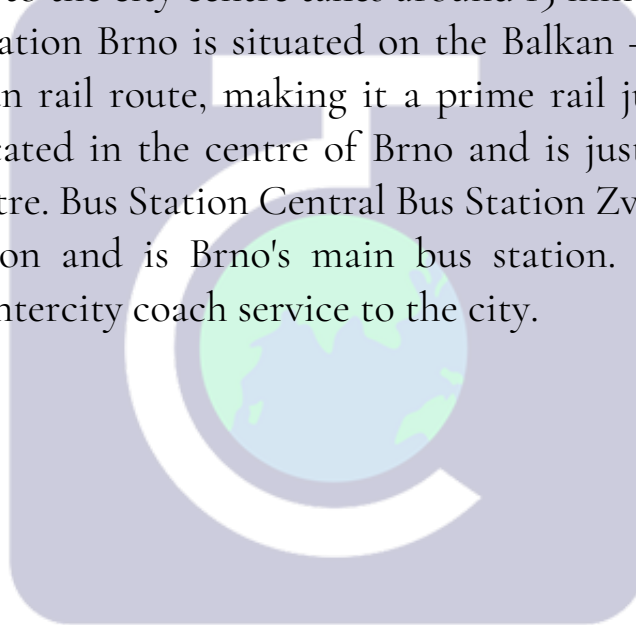
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13. Transportation hubs

Airport The international Airport of Brno is called the Brno-Tuřany Airport. It is regularly served by flights from major cities like London, Moscow, Barcelona etc. The airport is an architectural masterpiece and is located 13 kilometres away from the city centre. Bus line (number 76) and Bus line (number 89) connects the city with the airport. It takes around 20 minutes and costs 25 CZK (one way). A taxi from the airport to the city centre takes around 15 minutes and costs around 430 CZK.

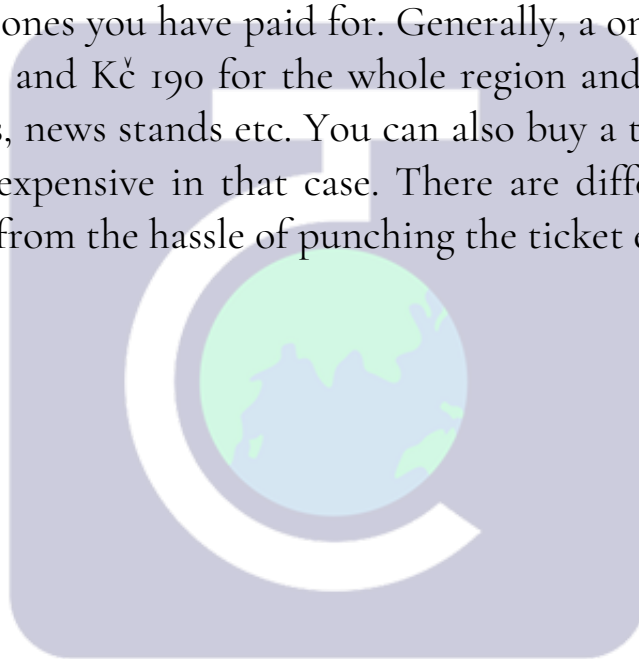
Railway Station Brno is situated on the Balkan – Budapest- Prague – Berlin – Scandinavian rail route, making it a prime rail junction. The Central railway station is located in the centre of Brno and is just a few minutes walk from the historic centre.

Bus Station Central Bus Station Zvonařka stands behind the main train station and is Brno's main bus station. It is the arrival and departure point for intercity coach service to the city.



14. Transportation cost

Public transport system in Brno, especially at night, is legendary. There is an Integrated Transport System (IDOS) of buses, trolleybuses and trams to get you wherever you need to. The price of a pass depends on the zones you want your pass to cover. Due to the special zoning system in the city, you can use only one ticket for traveling inside and outside the city as long as you do not travel more than the number of zones you have paid for. Generally, a one day network ticket costs Kč 80 for Brno and Kč 190 for the whole region and can be bought from yellow coin machines, news stands etc. You can also buy a ticket from the driver but it will be more expensive in that case. There are different kinds of passes available to save you from the hassle of punching the ticket every time you hop in a bus or tram.



15. Baggage allowance

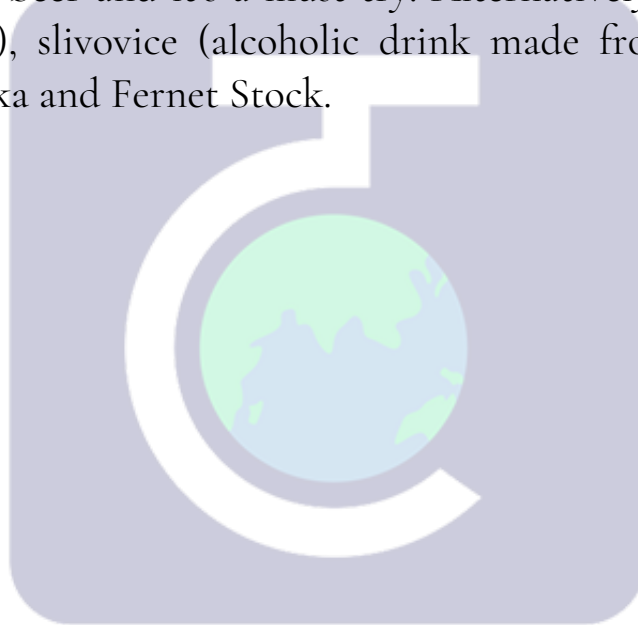
There is enough space in local trains in Brno for standard luggages to fit in and while there is no set limit on the amount of baggage you can carry on public transport in Brno, it is recommended that you travel light. Backpacks are most convenient to carry around the city. For each piece of luggage larger than 25 cm x 45 cm x 70 cm, it is necessary to purchase transfer ticket of a 13 CZK



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16. Must try food and local savouries

A traditional Czech (rather Bohemian) platter generally consists of roasted duck/pork, smoked meat, beer sausage, cabbage and dumplings. Dumplings (“knedlíky”) are the most popular traditional Czech side dish. Potatoes (boiled, baked or fried) are also common as a side dish. Czech Pancakes are very famous for desserts. You might also like trying out the traditional fruit dumplings (Ovocné Knedlíky). The city is known for its beer and it’s a must-try. Alternatively, you can try Kofola (cola-like soft drink), slivovice (alcoholic drink made from plums) or herbal bitters like Becherovka and Fernet Stock.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Soul Bistro:**

Address : Czech Republic, Jezuitská 7, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.197051,16.610190

Contact No : +420 773 179 212

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 08:00hrs-22:00hrs, Saturday 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Koishi:**

Address : Koishi, Údolní 326/11, Brno, Czech Republic

Location : 49.196496,16.601274

Contact No : +420 774 995 122

Website : <http://www.koishi.cz/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday and Monday 11:00hrs-22:00hrs, Tuesday to Saturday 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Restaurant Pavillon:**

Address : Jezuitská 687/6, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.197680,16.613341

Contact No : +420 607 005 905

Website : <https://www.restaurant-pavillon.cz>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 11:00hrs-23:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Špali?e:**

Address : Zelný trh 12, Brno , Czech Republic

Location : 49.193070,16.607243

Contact No : +420 542 211 526

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Tulip Restaurante:**

Address : tř. Kpt. Jaroše 1929/10, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.201277,16.611362

Contact No : +420 773 302 021

Website : <https://tulip-restaurant.cz>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 11:00hrs-00:00hrs, Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Ristorante Pizzeria Leonessa:**

Address : Sukova 553/2, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic

Location : 49.196051,16.612162

Contact No : +420 542 212 236

Website : <https://www.leonessa.cz/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Thursday 11:30hrs-23:00hrs, Friday 11:30hrs-00:00hrs, Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Borgo Agnese:**

Address : Kopečná 980/43, 602 00 Střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.191459,16.601750

Contact No : +420 515 537 500

Website : <https://www.borgoagnese.cz/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Club Carbic:**

Address : Běhounská 22/2, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.197183,16.609207

Website : <https://www.caribic.cz/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 21:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Piranha Night Club:**

Address : Husitská 1216/11, 612 00 Brno, Czech Republic

Location : 49.223564,16.593227

Contact No : +420 541 218 345

Website : <https://www.clubpiranha.cz/>

Open / Close Time : 20:00hrs-06:00hrs

- **Two Faces Music Club:**

Address : Biskupská 283/1, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic

Location : 49.192060,16.606054
Contact No : +420 775 960 930
Website : <https://www.twofaces.cz/>
Open / Close Time : 15:00hrs-03:00hrs

- **Charlie's Hat:**

Address : Kobližná 63/12, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic
Location : 49.195272,16.610512
Contact No : +420 601 328 317
Website : <https://www.charlies-hat.cz/>
Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 20:00hrs-04:00hrs, Friday and Saturday 20:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Mandarin Essence Club Brno:**

Address : Jakubské nám. 128/6, 602 00 Brno-střed, Czech Republic
Location : 49.196962,16.608711
Contact No : +420 608 780 398
Website : <https://mandarinclub.cz/>
Open / Close Time : Wednesday 20:00hrs-03:00hrs, Thursday to Saturday 20:00hrs-05:00hrs

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● 3-course meal at an inexpensive Restaurant: 100 CZK ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for 2 people): 500 CZK ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: 120 CZK ● 0.5 liter draught beer: 30 CZK



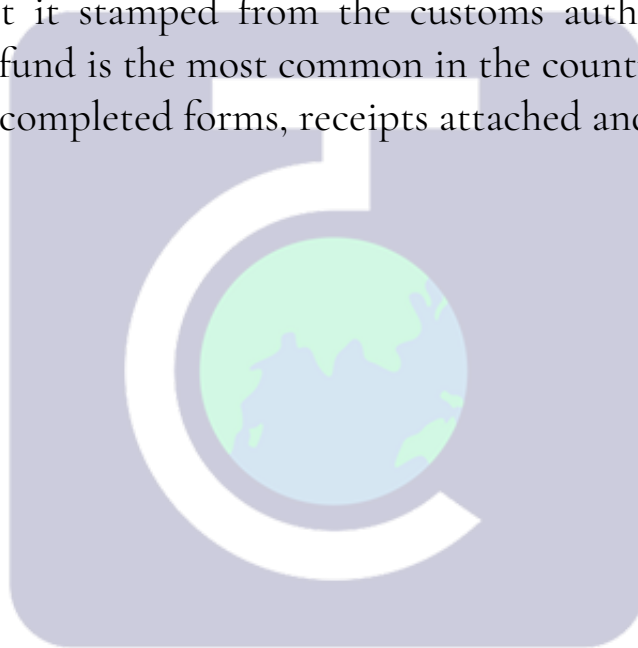
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19. Shopping

Brno has a wide variety of shopping opportunities ranging from small boutiques and speciality shops to huge shopping malls. Most of the shops are situated at the Ceska street and the Masarykova street. Given below are some of the most popular shopping markets and malls in the city: i) AVION Shopping Park The first shopping centre of its kind in Brno, Avion Shopping Park continues to attract visitors from across the Southern Moravia region. It is located near the intersection of highways D1 and D2 and offers a great shopping experience to its visitors. ii) Olympia Brno Olympia is the biggest shopping center in Brno. It is located strategically on the south edge of Brno and offers good connectivity via city public transport. It has various international retail brands, supermarket and a cinema complex. iii) Galerie Vaňkovka This is a lovely shopping centre in the Heart of Brno (close to the Main Train Station) with 1 hour free car parking. It has lots of different shops and an amazing food court. If you love seafood, you must try their delicious sushi. iv) TESCO Tesco department stores offer a wide variety of both food and non-food items. You can find everything from fresh food to sporting equipment here. v) Christmas Market Every Christmas there is a huge Christmas market with historical crafts and gift shops at Namesti Svobody square.

20. Tourist benefits

VAT rate in Czech Republic is 21%. If you are a non EU citizen, you are eligible for a VAT refund provided you spend a minimum of 2,500 CZK (in one shop) on goods that you export within 90 days of your purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT reimbursement receipt from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Global Refund is the most common in the country. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



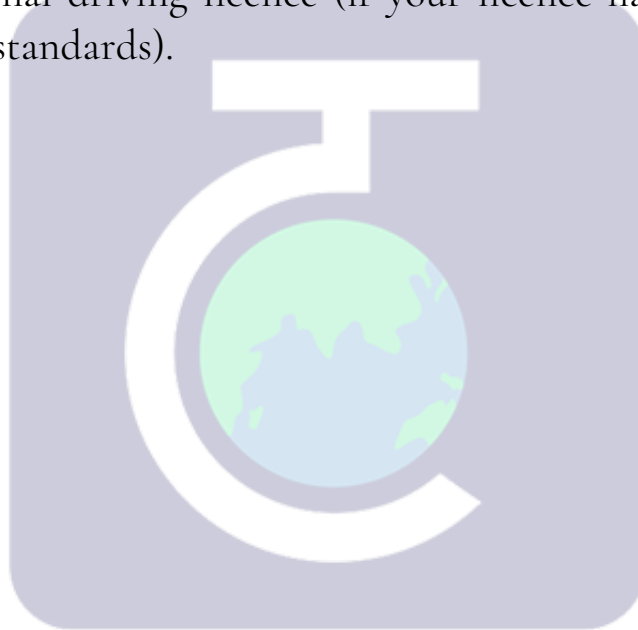
21. Essential local apps

City Taxi Brno is a useful mobile application to order taxi anywhere in Brno. Mapy.cz is another handy app that can help you with city maps. It also allows you to download maps for offline usage.



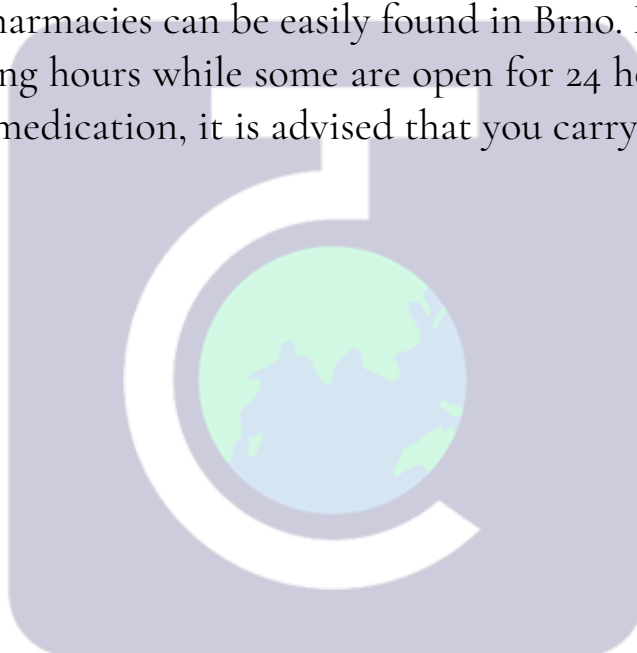
22. Driving

Brno is rather hilly and driving around the city can be fun. If you want to rent out a car in the city, make sure you are familiar with the road safety rules, Czech traffic laws and road signage in Brno. If you have a valid driving licence issued by a foreign country you may drive in the Czech Republic using that licence alone (if it has been issued according to EU standards) or with your licence as well as an additional international driving licence (if your licence has not been issued in accordance with EU standards).



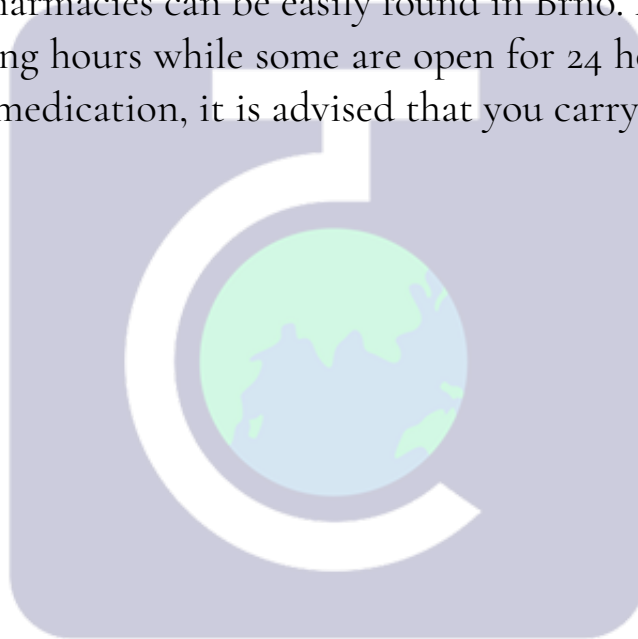
23. Travel essentials

The standard electricity supply in the Czech Republic is 230 volt - 50 Hz AC. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of "Type C" with two round pins. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Brno. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in Brno. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country.



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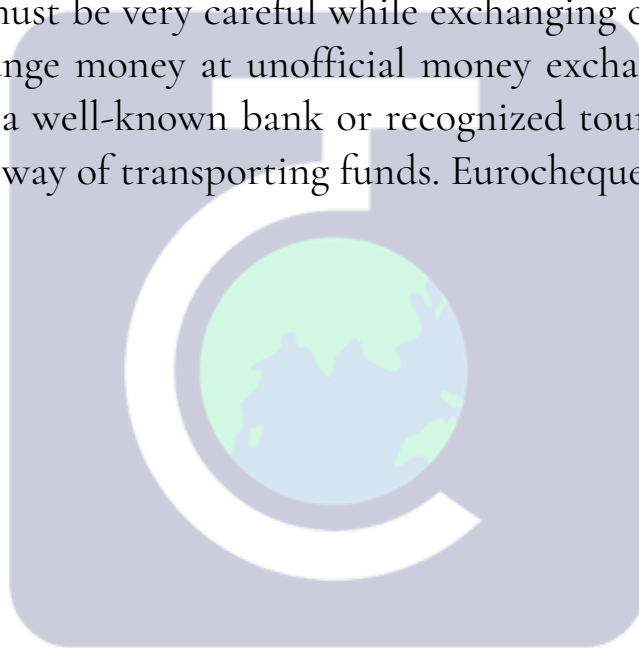
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The official currency of Czech Republic is Koruna (crown). 1 Kč = 100 haléř. Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted at most stores and restaurants. But you will need cash for smaller purchases. Some big stores also accept euros.



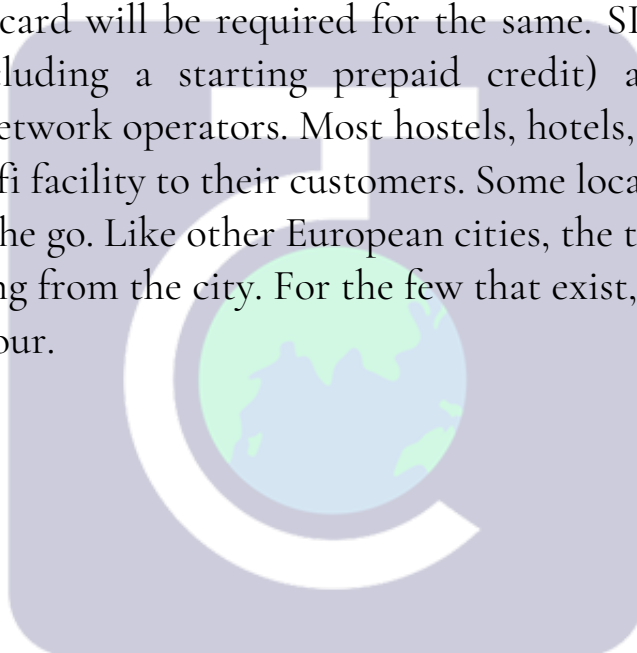
26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. ATM withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a typical surcharge. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees. When in Brno, you must be very careful while exchanging currency. It is advised that you never exchange money at unofficial money exchange offices or on the street but instead at a well-known bank or recognized tourist offices. Traveler's checks are also a safe way of transporting funds. Eurocheque is also accepted.



27. Staying connected

There are 3 major mobile network providers in Brno: ● O2 ● T-Mobile, and ● Vodafone There is a standard mobile network (GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS/ HSPDA) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in the city for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a new SIM card. A photocopy your passport or ID card will be required for the same. SIM cards cost around CZK 300–2000 (including a starting prepaid credit) and are available in respective stores of network operators. Most hostels, hotels, cafes and restaurants in Brno offer free wi-fi facility to their customers. Some local trams also offer free wireless internet on the go. Like other European cities, the trend of internet cafés is quickly disappearing from the city. For the few that exist, average surfing price is around 60 CZK/ hour.



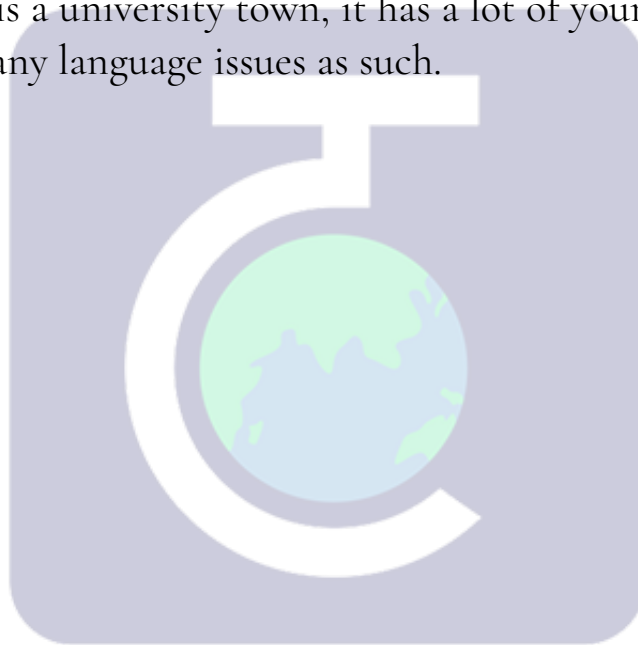
28. Time Zone

Brno falls under the Central European Time Zone (UTC +01:00). It observes Daylight Saving Time (CEST), UTC +2.



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The national language of Czech Republic is Czech, a Slavic language with similarities to Polish and Slovak. However the most widely used dialect in Brno is called Hantec. It is a mix of the Czech, German and Yiddish language. Russian and German are common with older generation, while English is common with the younger class. French and/ or Spanish are also taught in some schools. However since Brno is a university town, it has a lot of young people around and you should not have any language issues as such.



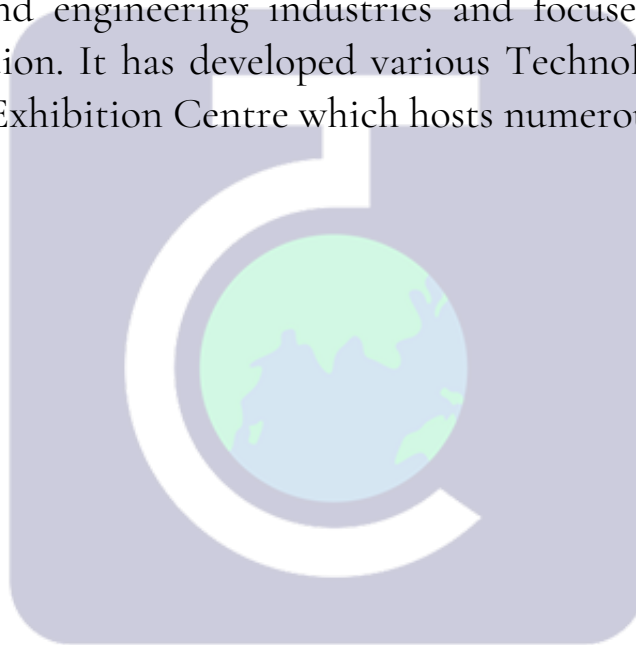
30. Political Scenario

Brno is a statutory city and forms a separate district - the Brno-City District. It is divided into 29 city districts or administrative divisions and 48 cadastral areas. Brno is also home to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court and the Constitutional Court. The city is headed by the Lord Mayor who represents the city outwards.



31. Economic Scenario

Brno is the driving force behind South Moravia's economy and accounts for an estimated 10% of the national GDP. The city is a modern business and industrial centre in Czech Republic and enjoys high proportion of employment in the tertiary sector. The city also has a small but dynamic agricultural sector that produces grains, vegetables, fruit and meat. The city is also known for its flourishing textile and engineering industries and focuses greatly on science, research and innovation. It has developed various Technology Parks, Industrial Zones and a leading Exhibition Centre which hosts numerous international trade fairs every year.



Index**32. Religious belief**

A majority of people in Czech Republic are almost completely Christian. There is also a Jewish minority consisting of a few thousand people in the city. A high percentage of total population is atheist. Some even say that religion will be 'nearly extinct' in the country by 2050.



33. Visa requirements

The Czech Republic is a member of the European Union (EU) as well as the Schengen area, hence the citizens of EU and Schengen member countries do not need a visa (just a valid passport) for visiting Prague. Nationals of U.K., Australia, USA, Canada, Japan, EU including French Overseas Territories can also stay in Prague (but not work) up to 90 days without a visa. Nationals of rest of the world require a valid visa.



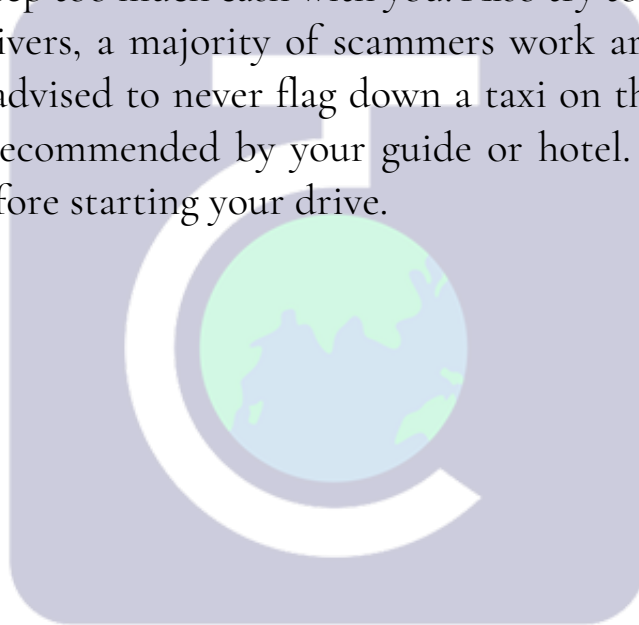
Index**34. Essential vaccination**

Before your visit to Brno, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B. The World Health Organization recommends that you visit a physician at least six weeks before your departure.



35. Theft and Safety

Brno is pretty safe for a European city and apart from existence of petty crimes such as pickpocketing and snatching, there is no major crime heard of in the city as such. The city is never really abandoned (even at night) but it makes sense to be careful especially if you are traveling alone. If you keep tabs on your possessions and apply common sense you should not face any problems. It is also advised you do not keep too much cash with you. Also try to avoid using ATMs at night. As for taxi drivers, a majority of scammers work around the the central station. Visitors are advised to never flag down a taxi on the street, but instead, use taxi companies recommended by your guide or hotel. Also, make sure you agree on the price before starting your drive.



36. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their home embassies in Brno. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/czech-republic>



37. Accessibility

Brno is quite wheelchair-friendly but owing to cobblestones and steep slopes in the city, the facilities are somewhat limited. The accessibility of historic monuments varies. Most hotels and restaurants/ cafes are also able to comfortably accommodate people with disabilities.



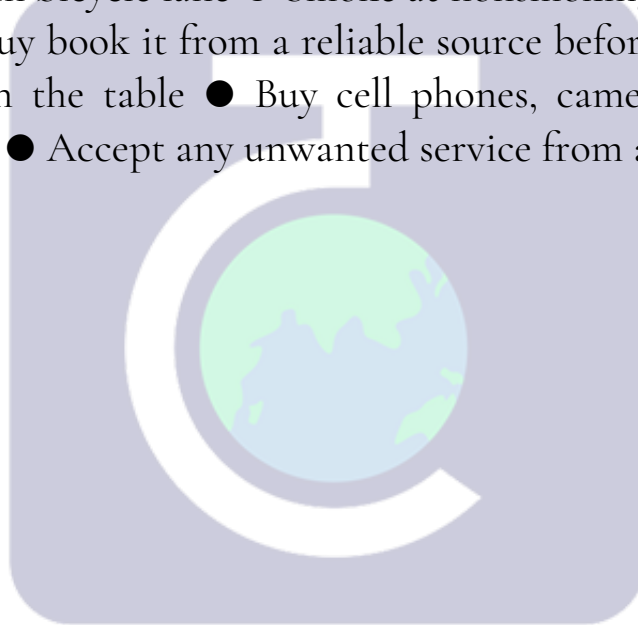
38. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to Brno's public healthcare system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Brno. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's ● Wear shoes on pebble beaches. ● Ask for the prices or menu before ordering ● Carry your passport and ID card at all times ● Lock your bike properly ● Carry some cash. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards ● Be wary of your surroundings at night, especially in the dark alleys. Do not ● Count/ exchange your money on the street. ● Leave your valuables unattended ● Walk in bicycle lane ● Smoke at nonsmoking places ● Flag down a taxi on the street buy book it from a reliable source beforehand. ● Spit on the road ● Leave tip on the table ● Buy cell phones, cameras, gold etc from a stranger in the street ● Accept any unwanted service from anyone on the street



Index**40.Tipping basics**

Tipping and rounding up of restaurant bills and taxi fares (to the nearest 10 Kč) is common in Brno. The usual tipping amount is 5 - 10% of the total bill. Tips are paid in cash directly to the waiters even if you have already made the payment using a credit card.



41. Pet info

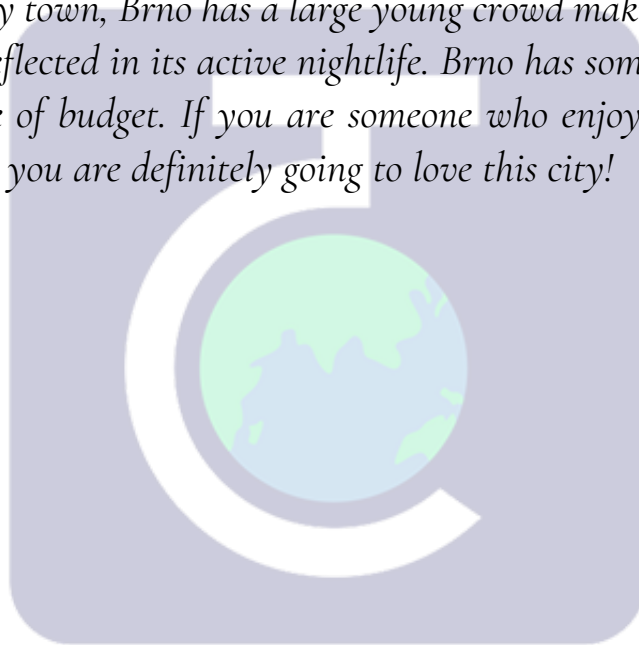
The Czech Republic is regarded as a favorable country for dog friendly holidays. The Czechs love dogs and compared to other countries like China where most eating joints do not allow pets inside, people can take their pets to almost all public places (parks, restaurants, hotels etc.) in Brno. The following information should be kept in mind while taking your pets to Brno: i) Pet Microchip Your pet must have a microchip in compliance with ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785. ii) Proper Vaccination A proof of vaccination against rabies is required for your pets before entering Brno. Before traveling, please ensure that your dog or cat is treated with any internal or external parasite infections. iii) Health Book and Certificate EU Vet Health Certificate from an accredited Veterinarian is required. The pet's health book is also required for inspection. Note: The pet must have a muzzle if you travel on public transport. You can be fined if you don't have one.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Brno is a good starting point which gives you the opportunity to visit interesting places in the South Moravian Region. The city offers innumerable attractions and unparalleled natural views to millions of people who come to visit it every year. It is home to some of the most beautiful castles, Romanesque chapels, historic monuments, old museums, the Moravian Karst and Caves, celebrated cafes and many other fascinating attractions. Also regarded as a University town, Brno has a large young crowd making the city all the more vibrant which is also reflected in its active nightlife. Brno has something for every type of traveller, and any type of budget. If you are someone who enjoys natural beauty along with cultural diversity, you are definitely going to love this city!



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