

NanoNet International Workshop Prague 2016, August 30th – September 2nd, 2016

4 TOUR OPTIONS – WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31st, 4 P.M. START AT HOTEL ANGELO



1. Prague Old Town, New Town and Jewish Quarter – 3 hour walking tour

This walk familiarizes you with Prague's 1000 years at the center of European history. Moving through the winding streets of Old Town, we consider Prague's multicultural past and rise to prominence during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Pondering the oldest functioning synagogue in Europe, the Old New Synagogue, we consider how Prague's Jewish community enjoyed periods of great flourishing in Bohemia even as it suffered devastating persecutions. The flamboyant Art Nouveau Municipal House reveals the city's hopes for independence at the turn-of-the-century. Wenceslaus Square frames Prague's 20th-century ordeals. Here the Nazis held mass rallies, the Warsaw Pact tanks crushed the Prague Spring of '68, and thousands gathered to topple 4 decades of totalitarianism in 1989's Velvet Revolution. [More information on tour 1 at InsightCities.com](#)



2. Art Nouveau and Cubist Architecture - Prague after 1900 – 3 hour walking tour

Put simply, Art Nouveau isn't only a radical new design aesthetic. It represents a pre-war social elite, a clubby upper-class that drank absinthe and the first mixed-cocktails, booked voyages on ocean liners, and read fashion magazines. These hotels, theaters, bars, elegant residences, the train station--were the watering holes of the first globe-trotters, those enjoying the fruits of nineteenth-century industrialization in the short-lived first decades of the 20th century before global war swallowed up their world. During this walk you learn to identify the ginkgo bilabo leaves and lighting fixtures that mark the style even as you discover the dramatic social and political history of Prague's 20th Century. **(Listed in The [Guardian's September 2015 travel section](#) as one of ten best architecture tours in the world.)** [More information on tour 2 at InsightCities.com](#)



3. The Cold War Years: Prague under Totalitarianism – 3 hour walking tour

A visit to the eerie mausoleum of the first communist-era president, Klement Gottwald, that housed the temperature control room and team of cosmetologists who maintained his mummy for adoring “show” crowds. The walk includes an introduction to the communist era statues and buildings still standing throughout Prague as well as a discussion of the resistance and the events of 1989’s Velvet Revolution.

WE SUGGEST TRAVELERS WITH DIFFICULTY CLIMBING A STEEP HILL CHOOSE ANOTHER TOUR OPTION

[More information on tour 3 at InsightCities.com](https://www.insightcities.com)



4. Prague Castle and Center by Bus -- 3.5 hour driving and walking tour (max. 20 participants)

Prague Castle has imparted prestige to Bohemian Kings and Holy Roman Emperors, the presidents of the First Republic and, more ominously, to the Nazi Reichsprotektors and the Communist chairmen of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. Constructed in every architectural style—Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, Rococo, Renaissance and Neoclassical—the castle has been bombarded by artillery and plundered by marauding armies. Highlights of the Castle complex include the St. Vitus Cathedral and Romanesque St. Geroge Basilica. The second half of the tour takes to us Prague’s historic center, where we consider Prague’s multicultural past and rise to prominence during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The flamboyant Art Nouveau Municipal House reveals the city’s hopes for independence at the turn-of-the-century. Wenceslaus Square frames Prague’s 20th-century ordeals. Here the Nazis held mass rallies, the Warsaw Pact tanks crushed the Prague Spring of ‘68, and thousands gathered to topple 4 decades of Totalitarianism in 1989’s Velvet Revolution.

We will circulate a **tally sheet** on Tuesday to mark your preference. If tour 4 will be overbooked we will distribute the tickets according to scientific and physical seniority of the participants- we ask for your understanding.