

Exhibitions: Museum Night in Prague

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- Museum Night, free entrance



Many museums and galleries are open in the evening for free on just one night

Now in its 11th year, Museum Night has proven to be one of the most popular events in the city.

Museum Night 2014

When: June 14; 7 p.m.–1 a.m.

Where: Main point at Náměstí Jana Palacha

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This year there are 39 museums, galleries and other cultural intuitions participating, opening 69 buildings. Transportation on buses will again be free, with náměstí Jana Palacha, the square in front of the Rudolfinum, as the main information and transfer point.

New this time are Futura Gallery and the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of Charles University in Prague.

Some venues will have accompanying events and child-friendly events, so it is good to check in advance so you don't miss something, or conversely come at a crowded time when you just want to take a quick peek.

One exception to the free rule is Vyšehrad National Cultural Monument, which will charge a symbolic entrance fee of 1 Kč. The Gorlice, where several of the original statues from the Charles Bridge are kept, is worth seeing. Entry is from the Brick Gate. More statues can be seen in the Lapidarium at Výstaviště.

Strategically, if you want to go for volume it is better to hit the more obscure places, as the main ones such as the National Gallery venues can have huge lines. Small and child-friendly places like the Karel Zeman Museum also get long lines due to the limited numbers allowed in at one time. The latter venue offers boat trips for kids, which are also sure to draw a crowd.



Karel Zeman Museum

Even the Coffee Museum has been known to get lines.

For religious reasons, the Jewish Museum in Prague opens well after 7 p.m., so going there later makes more sense.

If you want to let your children play with real guns, the place to go is Army Museum Žižkov. They will have supervised shooting and also a chance to handle various unloaded historical pieces. The Aviation Museum Kbely is also fun and while popular, it is not so hard to get into because the area is huge and can handle a lot of traffic at once.

The National Technical Museum, which will also have long lines, has telescopes for kids and other attractions.

The Police Museum has some child friendly events, as well. If you have never been there, the exhibits are a bit gruesome including real murder evidence such as an axe and a rusty oil drum (that held a corpse in a reservoir), and skulls from famous cases.



The anti-drug exhibit at the Police Museum.

Long lines are seldom seen at places like the Technical and Documentary Museum of Prague Power Supply, which has a letter signed by Thomas Edison wishing us good luck with electricity. The Czech Postal Museum also seldom has any waiting to get in.

Places well off the beaten track such as the Faculty of Architecture and Ctěnice Chateau also draw fewer people than the places in the city center.

Be aware that many side events, including ones for children, are in the Czech language only.

Prague Museum Night is organized by the National Museum, the Prague Public Transport Company and the Czech Association of Museums and Galleries, in cooperation with other institutions.



Statues at the Lapidarium.