

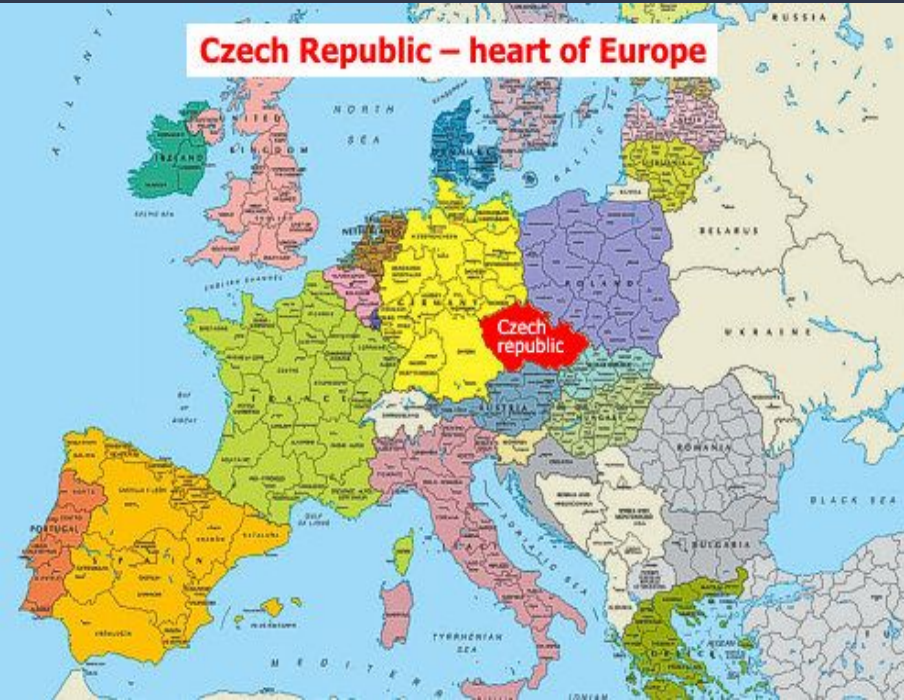
Czech Republic

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Geography

The Czech Republic is a landlocked country in Central Europe. It is bordered by Germany to the west, Austria to the south, Slovakia to the east and Poland to the north. It consists mostly of low hills and plateaus surrounded along the borders by low mountains.



Cuisine



1. **Vepřo Knedlo Zelo (Pork, Dumplings and Sauerkraut)** This Czech classic is widely recognized as the national dish, even though its origins can be traced to neighboring Bavaria. When translated, the name of the dish gives you a clear idea of what to expect on your plate—pork, dumplings, and sauerkraut.

2. **Česnečka (garlic soup)** A garlic-heavy soup with croutons, česnečka also contains a raw egg, which is added near the end of the cooking process and left alone to cook in the heat of the soup. Small pieces of sausage, pork or cheese is sometimes added to it as well.



Entertainment

In the capital of Prague there's lots to do if you visit. First and the best way to spend your time is to go and visit the Prague castle.

Second place to go is at the main Cathedral St Vitus. The Metropolitan Cathedral of Saints Vitus, Wenceslaus and Adalbert is a Roman Catholic metropolitan cathedral in Prague, the seat of the Archbishop of Prague. Until 1997, the cathedral was dedicated only to Saint Vitus, and is still commonly named only as St. Vitus Cathedral. It is a Gothic Cathedral which was started in November 21, 1344 and opened in 1299.



Entertainment



If you are in Prague you should probably also visit the Astronomical Clock. The Prague Astronomical Clock or Prague Orloj is a medieval astronomical clock attached to the Old Town Hall in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. The clock was first installed in 1410, making it the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world and the oldest clock still in operation. Once every half an hour some figures will pop out and start dancing for approximately 1 minute.

Another way to spend your time is to visit the Charles Bridge which is a medieval stone arch bridge that crosses the Vltava river in Prague, Czech Republic. Its construction started in 1357 under the auspices of King Charles IV, and finished in the early 15th century. It also has attached to the bridge 30 statues.

Thank you!

