



# YOUR SEMESTER IN PRAGUE

In a while you will be already here in Prague. Before you start going crazy with packing, there is some information you might find useful.



Buddy System is a student volunteer organization trying to make your semester in Prague as nice as possible. We are also members of the international organization called Erasmus Student Network.

We are a group of students who will be happy to help you with your arrival and offer you many leisure time activities. All the study issues can be solved with the school coordinator, only. School coordinator for CESP students is [cesp@vse.cz](mailto:cesp@vse.cz), for other students [exchange@vse.cz](mailto:exchange@vse.cz).

If you have any question concerning only Buddy Program (problems or very good experience with your czech buddy or coordinator, your arrival etc.) use [bp@buddysystem.cz](mailto:bp@buddysystem.cz)

In case you want to ask anything else concerning our other activities, parties etc. Use [info@buddysystem.cz](mailto:info@buddysystem.cz)

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## Before your arrival

### YOUR CZECH BUDDY

Your Czech buddy will help you in Prague in his free time. Be nice, be in touch and **provide him/her all the arrival details and your phone number to he/she could pick you up!**

Most of our Czech buddies do want to meet you to **improve their English**, to **be with international students** and to have fun. Don't be ashamed to invite them to the dorms or join them to any activity. They will also obtain **10 points** which may be very important for them to get on their own Exchange.

Thanks to that, *it is really important to tell us if you are not happy with your Czech buddy* or if yours is the best what happened to you in Prague. Thank you.

### WHAT DOES YOUR BUDDY HAVE TO DO FOR YOU?

- Contact you before arrival
- Pick you up and make a picture with you at the airport/train station (*do that, please. It's because of having a nice memory for you and having a prove for us*)
- Help you with the formalities connected to the accommodation at the dorm
- Go with you for the first groceries
- Explain how the public transport system works and help with buying a ticket
- Show you the university and go with you to the registrations. Just remember there is a lot of exchange programmes so please check it carefully because every program has own registration. But everybody can come to our registration 😊

### WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO PRAGUE

- 4 passport photos
- Your medication (if you are on any)
- Couple of small souvenirs
- Some stuff typical for you country (meal, drink, clothes, souvenirs, flag etc). You will be asked to present your country to the others. You may also bring some university materials for the International office.

## In Prague!

### TRIPS, EVENTS, PARTIES

We prepare various activities during the entire semester to you'd never got bored. You may join our trips organized for you to know more of Czech, present what you are proud of to the Czech students or have your time at our parties.

#### *Trips*

You may go with us around Czech, to other capitals nearby or join a sport activity like skiing or rafting.

#### *Events*

The events slightly differ each semester, but they are always in the calendar. Each semester we organize at least these two:

##### *International dinner*

Evening when you cook some specialities of your country and taste all the others.

##### *Country presentations*

Tell Czech students about the best from your country and share some secrets only locals can know.

#### *Parties*

nation2nation

Every week there is THE party. [Nation2nation](#) is every time in a different club and it is the place where you are probably be on Tuesday nights.



## DORMS

Information provided by school: <http://ozs.vse.cz/english/exchange-programme/housing/>

**Exchange** students live in [Jarov III.F./Jarov III.G.](#), **CESP, IDS and CEMS** students in [Jarov I.](#)

### Your room

You will share your room with one other student. Each room is also part of a little „flat“, so you share the kitchen, bathroom and toilette with one other room.

#### Room

2 beds, 2 chairs, 2 tables, 2 wardrobes, some shelves

#### Bathroom

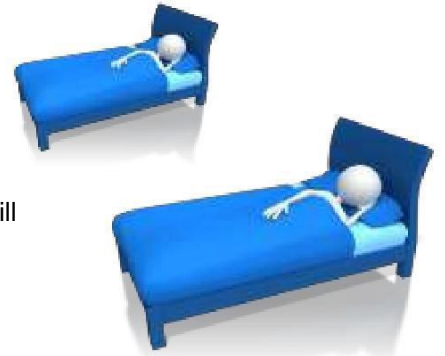
shower stall, 2 sinks

#### Kitchen

Kitchen counter with small fridge, cooker, and a sink

Sheets are provided and you can get clean ones twice a month.

Usually there is no kitchen equipment so for preparing some food, you will need your own.



### Dorm facilities

- Study rooms (an empty room with a tables and chairs)
- Washing machine and drying rag (no dryer)
- TV room
- Gym
- Playground

### Arriving to the dorms

**You may arrive to the dorms anytime**, the reception is open 24/7. For checking in you need your passport or any valid ID only.

Dorms are booked for you since February 3rd, 2016 (five days prior to the Orientation Week). If you need to check-in earlier, fill this form, please contact dormitory directly via mail [ubytovani@vse.cz](mailto:ubytovani@vse.cz)

### Payment

**CESP** students have their accommodation already payed.

**Exchange** student follow their contract! You pay either cash or by bank transfer at the beginning of the semester.

### Internet



Both, the dorms and school are covered with the free **Eduroam** Wifi. If you are already signed into this network, your internet will work immediately. In other case, it will start after log in. Instructions will be given by the school IT.

### Moving out of the dorm

Czech buddies should help you with the formalities or with prolonging your stay. But only if you will ask them in advance. They usually have tests in that time so be understanding, please.

Everything useful you don't want to take back home (dishes, books etc) give to the receptionist at Jarov G, please. It will be given to future Exchange.

**To make the moving out smooth, clean your room, please!**

- a** clean the dust, waste in litter bins, mop the floor
- b** sign for the check by cleaning lady - if it's ok, you will get a paper from her
- c** take that paper, return linens, dormitory card and the keys... and it's done

## GOING „HOME“ To THE DORMS: 22 KM

**Taxi: 350 - 600CZK (14 – 25EUR)**

**Travel time: 30min, peak times up to 55min**

If you call the cab, it is usually cheaper than the yellow AAA waiting at the terminals. Most of them accept credit cards. Ask for the price.

**Public transport: 32CZK (1.28EUR)**

You need a 90min valid ticket for 32CZK. The ticket has to be marked with the yellow machine.



**by day (travel time: 1hour)**

Bus n. **119** from **Terminál 1** or **2** to **Nádraží Veveslavín**

Metro **A** from **Nádraží Veveslavín** to **Můstek**

Tram n. **9** from **Václavské náměstí** to **Chmelnice**

**by night (travel time 1:13)** night buses 00:00 - 05:00

Bus n. **510** from **Terminál 1** or **2** to **Švandovo divadlo**

Tram n. **58** from **Švandovo divadlo** to **Chmelnice**

To search any connection with the Prague public transport you may use a map or you may use <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/pid/spojeni/>

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

### Library

It is recommended to go for the introductory meeting about library during Orientation Week.

1st floor of Stará Budova



### Computer rooms



Computer room for exchange students can be found on 4th floor of Rajska Budova (RB).

You can also use computer rooms on the first and second floor of Stará Budova (SB).

*Note: Don't expect the latest high-tech equipment... BUT everything works*

### Printer

You can print anything in library. Credit can be added also in library.

### Scanner

Available library.

### Menza

There are three places where to eat:

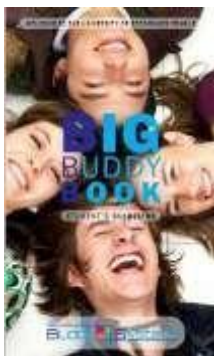
The 'normal' menza offers four basic courses, hamburgers, grill menu and some baguettes. Meals from 40 to 60 CZK.

The second menza combines pizza and pasta together with vegetarians and "healthy" food. Prices are slightly higher (45 – 65 CZK)

### Restaurant at school – Akademický Klub

Pretty nice change after long time of menza food. You can sit outside and enjoy very nice view of Prague city centre.

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Would you like to read some more? After middle of January 2016 you can download our new [Big Buddy Book](#) available in PDF on our website!

It is a special guide made by Buddy System to help you at the beginning (but not only) of your stay in Prague.