

Information letter for those attending the
Czech Language Course for Expatriates 2017

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

I am delighted to inform you that you have been accepted for the Czech language summer course, which will be held **from 21 July to 18 August 2017** in the Charles University study centres of the Institute of Language and Preparatory Studies in Dobruška and in Prague.

Dobruška is a small eastern Bohemian town located approximately 30 km north of Hradec Králové, in the beautiful landscape of the foothills to the Orlický mountains, a region full of old castles and palaces.

Tuition, accommodation, meals, any medical care required and extracurricular activities are provided **free of charge** to those attending the course.

Accommodation is provided at the following addresses: Study Centre ILPS CU, Solnická 777, 518 77 Dobruška and Study Centre Krystal, José Martího 407, 162 00 Prague 6. You will be housed in double or triple rooms with private toilet and shower and the usual hotel services are provided. Your tuition will take place in the same building.

Full pension is provided for all attendees of the course at their place of residence.

Health care

1) Persons included in the personal scope of Regulation (EC) no. 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the coordination of social security systems, as amended, persons covered by Regulation (EU) no. 1231/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and persons included under other relevant European legislation. Health care will be provided to these persons in accordance with the applicable European legislation, within the scope stipulated therein.

2) Persons not covered under paragraph (1) above, have the right to receive essential medical care, for which the cost is set out in the provisions of Section 180 i paragraph 2, or Section 180 j paragraph 4 of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., as amended. Essential medical care is understood to be the provision of medical care for acute illness or injury. Course attendees will show the health care provider their Certificate of admission to the course, and the cost of the medical care will be covered by the Department of Supervision of Healthcare Insurance at the Ministry of Health.

For the duration of the course, attendees must follow the instructions of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the CIC.

If you live in a country that has a visa requirement for the Czech Republic, once you have received your *Certificate of admission to the course* **you should immediately apply for a Czech visa** at the relevant Czech embassy, because the time taken to issue visas can be quite lengthy.

The course programme is broken down into two parts – tuition and extracurricular activities.

During the tuition, you will have 90 hours of Czech language teaching, plus periods of cultural studies, aesthetic studies and other lectures, taking up a total of 30 hours. There will therefore be a total of 120 hours of tuition. You will be assigned to classes according to your linguistic abilities, from total beginners to the very advanced. Tuition is provided by experienced Czech language teachers from the Charles University study centres, who have many years of experience in teaching foreign students.

At the end of the course, you will receive a Certificate confirming you have completed the course.

Extracurricular activities are an **equally important part of Czech language tuition.**

When teaching has ended, i.e. every afternoon and evening and each Saturday and Sunday, a number of interesting activities will be prepared for you (full- or half-day trips, hiking trips into the countryside, tours of castles and palaces, get-togethers and meetings with interesting personalities, cultural evenings, sports activities, competitions, learning Czech songs and dances, etc.). Because of this do not forget to bring sports and smart clothing, swimwear, good sports shoes, a warm jacket and umbrella. Any musical instruments are welcome if you play anything of a reasonable size.

Bring along promotional material for your country and your expat organisation (maps, pictures, typical products, postcards, expatriate magazines, DVDs etc.), because one evening will be spent presenting your country to the other students!

Transport to the Czech Republic is on an individual basis. Attendees will pay their own travel from their home country to the Czech Republic. Attendees will receive a financial contribution to their transport to the Czech Republic and back. This amounts to CZK 2,000 for course attendees from Europe and CZK 5,000 for those from outside Europe. Please keep your tickets as you will need to submit them about halfway through the course to receive your reimbursement.

For those who indicated in their application that they would like a free transfer from Prague to Dobruška, a **bus will be provided, which will leave on Friday 21 July 2017 at 2 p.m. from the parking lot under the motorway in Na Florenci street. This bus and coach parking lot is located halfway between the B-line metro stations Florenc and Náměstí Republiky.** We should warn you that the capacity of the bus is limited and reserved for you, if you requested it in your application, but not your friends or relatives. Please also limit the number and size of your luggage.

To transfer **from Václav Havel Airport, Prague-Ruzyně** to the city centre, you can use public transport: <http://www.prg.aero/Files/ostatni/transportmap/>. The cost of a single, transferable, ticket valid for 1.5 hours is CZK 32:

- **City bus no. 100** will take you to B-line metro station “Zličín” in around 15 minutes, and then by metro to “Náměstí Republiky” station. Here you will take the Masarykovo nádraží exit and walk to the right in the direction of Florenc – bus parking lot (parkoviště pro autobusy),

or

- **City bus no. 191** will take you to A-line metro station “Petřiny” in around 30 minutes, and from here you will take the A-line metro to “Můstek” station, where you will change to the B-line metro and continue to “Náměstí Republiky” station. Here you will take the Masarykovo nádraží exit and proceed as above,

or

- **City bus no. 119** will take you to A-line metro station “Nádraží Veleslavín” in around 20 minutes and from here you will take the A-line metro to “Můstek” station, where you will change to the B-line metro and continue to “Náměstí Republiky” station. Here you will take the Masarykovo nádraží exit and proceed as above,
or

- **bus line AE (AIRPORT EXPRESS)**, which runs from the airport (the first bus leaves at 5:30 a.m., the last at 9 p.m., at 30 minute intervals):
➤ to the B-line Metro station “Náměstí Republiky”, price CZK 60, from where you will proceed as above.

- **CEDAZ minibuses** run from the airport (from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 30 minute intervals) to “Náměstí Republiky” (the stop is in “V Celnici” street, in front of the Czech Airlines terminal, 50 m from Náměstí Republiky), and the cost for one person and one bag is CZK 150.

We do not recommend that you use taxis because the asking price for a ride is often disproportionately high! You can find further information in the map attached.

From the B-line metro station Náměstí Republiky –Masarykovo nádraží exit, the distance to the parking lot where the buses will be waiting is approximately 300 m.

For those who arrive in Prague early, or during the morning, on **21 July 2017 between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., a meeting room will be made available on the second floor of the Centre for International Cooperation, Na Poříčí 1035/4, Prague 1**. You will be able to use this room to leave your luggage or to relax. In this case we would recommend that you travel to Náměstí Republiky station, taking the Náměstí Republiky exit. The Centre for International Cooperation is located in direct proximity to the Náměstí Republiky metro and tram stations, opposite the PALLADIUM shopping centre.

At the end of the course you will spend a few days in Prague in the Krystal centre. From here students will select their own means of transport home after completing the course.

We would ask you please, as soon as possible, to confirm your attendance and whether you are interested in a bus transfer from Prague to Dobruška, to the following address:

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We wish you a safe journey and a pleasant stay in the Czech Republic.

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