

Prague and Liberec – September/October 2018

Following a few trips to Italy over the last couple of years we decided to visit the Czech Republic and in particular Prague in the autumn of 2018.

This was our first experience of London Southend Airport, which rapidly became our favourite. So easy and quiet in comparison with the other London airports. We flew out early morning to Prague Airport by Easyjet.

On arrival we had arranged a transfer through our hotel, [Hotel Mala Strana](#), which was there waiting for us on arrival.



The hotel was lovely and situated in the Lesser Town of Prague side of the river within easy walking distance of Charles Bridge. [Charles Bridge](#) was extremely popular with



tourists and in order to see it at it's best without the crowds you need to be up very early and head to it for sunrise.



Whilst in Prague we took a walking tour organised by the [Tourist office](#), this was very informative and took in sights such as the Castle, the Astronomical Clock and the Lennon Wall amongst many others. During the tour we also enjoyed a medieval meal in a basement restaurant, which was very enjoyable. We would recommend a walking tour of Prague to anyone visiting with a complete day to spare.



We also took a funicular ride ourselves to visit the [Petřín Lookout Tower](#) and enjoy the views over Prague.



Being interested in World War II history we made time whilst in Prague to find and [visit St Cyrils and Methodius](#) church where the members of Operation Anthropoid were killed following the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich.



Prague is a place filled with many modern sculptures, more so than most cities we have visited, including some which were rather off putting to us of giant babies with no faces!!

Most of the food in Prague was very reasonably priced and of very good quality, we ate in a different restaurant each evening and the only meal we found to be

unpleasant was the Cheese Surprise, which Andrew ordered in one restaurant. This was basically grated cheese in a salty brine, served with a couple of slices of raw onion, with a tin of cider poured over it!



Following our few days in Prague we had opted to travel to Liberec by [Flixbus](#) as we wanted to try and see some scenery as well as the urban environment of Prague. At the time we travelled to Liberec there was a visiting



film production crew, filming [‘Spiderman – Far from Home’](#) and the town centre square was basically a film set and blocked off, although it did make for some interesting, different images.



Liberec was not really a great choice, however, and although there was the [Jested Tower](#) which gave nice views across the countryside the town was really not worth visiting for more than a day, particularly on a Monday as very few places opened for meals and we found ourselves struggling to find somewhere to eat.



We decided to take a visit to [Dresden](#), Germany, by train on the second full day of our time in Liberec as we were struggling to find anything else to do. Dresden was much more interesting and has been vastly rebuilt since the end of the War, back to it's former splendour.



For our journey back to the UK we took a bus again back to Prague, put our luggage in storage, and set about visiting a couple of places we had not had chance to see in our earlier few days. We enjoyed probably the best meal we have had in a long time in [Zofin Restaurant](#), where Andrew enjoyed a lovely Steak Tartare.



We had an early evening flight back to London Southend and the end of our travels in Czech Republic, we would certainly be happy to visit Prague again. On reflection the atmosphere in Prague changed massively between weekdays and weekends, it was busy but subdued during the week, but at the weekend it seemed to become a haven for Stag and Hen do's and got a lot louder!!