

OPERA IN PRAGUE

A four night stay in Prague at the
Almanac X Alcron Hotel including two opera performances

7th to 11th May 2026

Join us for an escorted tour to Prague of which the highlight will be two evening performances: Smetana's 'Libuše' at the wonderful National Theatre and Mozart's 'Don Giovanni' at the Estates Theatre, one of the most beautiful historic theatre buildings in Europe. The 'city of a thousand spires', Prague charms like few other cities can with wonderful architecture including fairy-tale castles, Gothic cathedrals and centuries-old churches as well as many cultural and historical sites which, during our springtime visit, can be enjoyed in the absence of the high-season crowds.

In order to make the most of our time in this captivating city we will enjoy guided excursions including the city's most famous landmark, Prague Castle, a visit to the composer Antonin Dvorak's home to learn of his musical legacy and time spent exploring the Jewish Quarter and the Old Town with its maze of cobbled lanes. A short drive out of the city, we will visit Nelahozeves Castle which is perched above the Vltava River and is one of Bohemia's finest Renaissance castles. We have also included some time at leisure to explore Prague independently and whether you are visiting this fascinating city for the first time, or rediscovering the city, there is a wealth of attractions on offer.



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The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Prague, Czech Republic. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Almanac X Alcron Hotel for our four night stay. Settle into your room before meeting for dinner this evening at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2 Prague. After breakfast we will begin our morning city tour of Prague at Prague Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. According to the Guinness World Records it is the world's largest ancient castle complex, covering an area greater than seven football fields. The castle has always been the seat of Czech monarchs and is the official residence of the head of state. Dating back to the 9th century, it grew haphazardly as different rulers added their own touches. From here we will visit the Lobkowicz Palace, a beautiful 16th century Baroque Palace, to admire one of Europe's oldest and finest private art collections. After lunch we continue to the Strahov Monastery Library, the largest monastic library in the country, whose magnificent Baroque halls date from the 17th and 18th centuries. Our visit will include access to two library halls normally closed to the public: the Theological Hall and Philosophical Hall. Return to the hotel for some time to relax before meeting in the early evening for a canapé reception. We then make our way to the National Theatre to watch the performance of Libuše. (B, L, C*)

'Libuše' by Bedrich Smetana

According to legend, Princess Libuše, having inherited the throne of Bohemia following the death of her father, founded the city of Prague. The first act features a land dispute between two brothers, the loser contesting any verdict brought about by a woman. This prompts Libuše to announce her intention to marry, and the hunt begins to find a suitable partner. The choice falls on the surprising figure of Premysl, a farmer. The sub-plot of the warring brothers continues with their own courtship by Krasava. She loves the one who had lost out in the land dispute and pretended to love the other in order to provoke a proposal out of the chosen one. This not only has the desired effect but also prompts him to accept Libuše's earlier verdict with good grace. The opera then ends with a grand tableau in which Libuše has a prophetic vision of the glorious future of the Czech nation.

Day 3 Prague. This morning we will walk from the hotel to the Jewish Quarter, also known as Josefov. Located between the Vltava River and the Old Town Square, this area became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1992. While exploring on foot with our guide we will visit the Jewish Museum which was established in 1906 and consists of six Jewish monuments including the Maisel Synagogue, the Ceremonial Hall and the Old Jewish Cemetery. In a grotesquely ironic act, the Nazis took over the management of the Prague Jewish Museum to preserve artefacts from destroyed Jewish communities throughout Bohemia, with the intention of creating a 'museum of an extinct race'. It amassed the world's largest collection of sacred Jewish artefacts. We will also see the

Old-New Synagogue, Europe's oldest working synagogue and one of Prague's earliest Gothic buildings. After our tour, you can return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure or if you would prefer to continue to explore the city independently, our local guide will recommend some spots for lunch and places to visit. This evening, after a canapé reception we will transfer to the Estates Theatre for our performance of Don Giovanni. (B, C*)

'Don Giovanni' by Amadeus Mozart

First performed in 1787 at the Estates Theatre, 'Don Giovanni' is Mozart's exhilarating retelling of the Don Juan legend, filled with some of his most famous and much-loved music. Combining comedy and tragedy, the opera follows the notorious womaniser as he lusts his way towards his dramatic downfall. In this production the director and conductor ask the questions is Giovanni an incorrigible slave to his instincts, or is he a provocateur, rebel, revolutionary even, human and symbol, or is he a mere catalyst around whom Mozart thoroughly depicts the constantly changing universe of female emotions?

Day 4 Prague. After breakfast we will leave the city for a short drive to Nelahozeves Castle, one of Bohemia's finest Renaissance castles. This 16th century estate is perched above the Vltava River and is another spectacular family home of the Lobkowicz family. After a tour of the castle interior we will enjoy lunch at the castle. This afternoon on our return to Prague we will visit the home of Czech composer Antonin Dvorak. The Baroque house now functions as an international music centre and museum. We will learn about the composer's humble beginnings to worldwide success. After some time to relax and freshen up at the hotel we will meet for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Prague to London. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin/Double: £3195

Twin/Double for Sole Use £3895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Four nights hotel accommodation at the Almanac X Alcron Hotel • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner, C* - Canapés) • Wine or beer with included lunches & dinners • Excursions as described • Two Opera Performances • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Group Size: We are restricting the group size to just 25 participants.

ALMANAC X ALCRON

Close to Prague's Old Town and Wenceslas Square, the Almanac X Alcron Hotel is a chic hotel with a wonderful history, starting life as the Alcron Hotel in 1932. Enter through the listed 1930s façade and marvel at the Art Deco inspired marble lobby with its crystal chandeliers and artwork by local artists. The 204 rooms are contemporary, timeless and designed to provide a calm environment in which to relax. Elegant bathrooms feature heated floors and are covered in stone tiles. The rooms come with all the usual amenities including desk, small seating area, tea and coffee making facilities and Wi-Fi. The hotel features an award-winning restaurant along with a bar/lounge, rooftop bar and coffee shop. There is also a gym and sauna.



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