

Local info

The venue

The event will take place in the Institute of Computer Science of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Pod Vodárenskou věží 271, Prague 8), in the seminar room 318 on the second floor. The institute is located within walking distance from the subway station Ládví (on the line C, only 10 minutes ride from the center of Prague), for details see this map.

The local currency & exchange rates

The currency in the Czech Republic is the Czech crown (CZK or Kč).

1 EUR = approx. 27.5 CZK 1 NZD = approx. 19 CZK.

We advise you not to change money at the airport, use the ATMs instead. Later in town you can exchange money at much better rates, ATMs are omnipresent, and card acceptance is almost universal.

Public transportation in Prague

Prague public transportation is integrated, tickets are valid on all forms of public transport. The tickets must be bought in advance. They are sold at tobacconists, newsagents and from the ticket machines (coins only) located at the metro stations and elsewhere.

On buses and trams you must punch your ticket immediately after getting on. At the metro, the ticket must be marked at the entrance. There are two kind of tickets: 24 CZK (valid for 30 min) and 32 CZK (valid for 90 min). A 24 and 72 hour ticket are also available for 110 CZK or 310 CZK, respectively. For detailed information about the fares and connections available see <http://www.dpp.cz/en>.

Transit from/to the airport

Bus 119 connects *Nádraží Veleslavín* metro station (line A) with the airport. The journey takes less than 20 minutes. From there you can continue to the center by subway. The standard ticket is valid for this bus (and the consecutive subway ride modulo the time restrictions mentioned above). (A word of warning for those who visited Prague before: line A was recently prolonged and bus 119 now ends at *Nádraží Veleslavín* and not at *Dejvická*.)

Bus AE (Airport express) connects the airport with main railway station (*Hlavní Nádraží*). The standard ticket does not work on this bus (this together with the funicular in the ZOO are the only two exceptions of the general rule mentioned above). The special ticket costs 60 CZK and is sold by the bus driver.

Taxis in Prague

There are a number of regulated taxi stands in Prague, designated with a thumbs-up sign: they are reputed to be safer. We recommend order taxis from receptionist or by phone, and these are in general reliable and available in 5–15 minutes. We have used AAA Taxi, tel. +420 14014. AAA speak English, and can provide you with the approximate cost of the journey over the phone. City Taxi, tel. +420 257 257 257, are also reliable. Journey from the airport to the center should not cost more that 600 CZK.