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## PRAGUE The capital city of the Czech Republic

### How Prague was founded.

According to a legend, Prague was founded by Libuše. The legend says that the name *Praha* comes from the word for „threshold“ (práh). But let us hear the story from the beginning:

On the cliff of Vyšehrad, Prince Krok established the seat of the first Czech princes. After Krok's death, Libuše, the youngest of his three daughters, was chosen by the people to be their ruler. She had the gift of prophecy. Once she looked out from Vyšehrad across the Vltava and foresaw a great city there in the future. She sent servants to the valley and asked them to tell her what they saw there. They found a man making a wooden threshold for his hut. Libuše ordered a town to be built on this spot and called it Praha after the man's work.



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Prague is the capital, the largest city, and a commercial and cultural centre of the Czech Republic.

Prague is the seat of our President, the Czech government, all important state ministries and the Czech Parliament.

The historical centre is made up by the Old Town, Josefov, the Lesser Quarter, Hradčany, the New Town and Vyšehrad. Together they make a town preserve which is quite unique.

Prague became the imperial residence of Charles IV who founded Charles University (1348), the New Town with the Horse Market (now Wenceslas Square) and the Cattle Market (now Charles Square). He promoted the construction of other important buildings such as St. Vitus Cathedral and Charles Bridge. At that time, Prague was the second largest European city (after Paris).

Though the city suffered damage from German occupation during World War II and Soviet occupation in the late 1960's, Prague remains one of the most beautiful historical European cities. It is described as „golden“ and „hundred-spired“. A lot of tourists come to admire its beauty every day.

Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.



## Charles Bridge

Is the second oldest bridge in Central Europe. It was founded by Charles IV in 1357 and built by a famous Gothic architect Petr Parléř. There are 30 Baroque statues by Matyáš Braun and Jan Brokoff.

Nowadays the bridge is always full of tourists, souvenir stalls and street artists.



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## St. Vitus Cathedral

is one of the buildings in the Prague Castle which was founded by Charles IV.

Under the reign of Rudolf II the Prague Castle became a famous centre of arts and culture.

Golden Lane is a very popular place with tourists because of its picturesque atmosphere. A legend connects it with Rudolf II s alchemists.

Other famous sights in the Prague Castle are the Royal Palace with Vladislav Hall and Spanish Hall

The Prague Castle is the largest castle complex in the world.

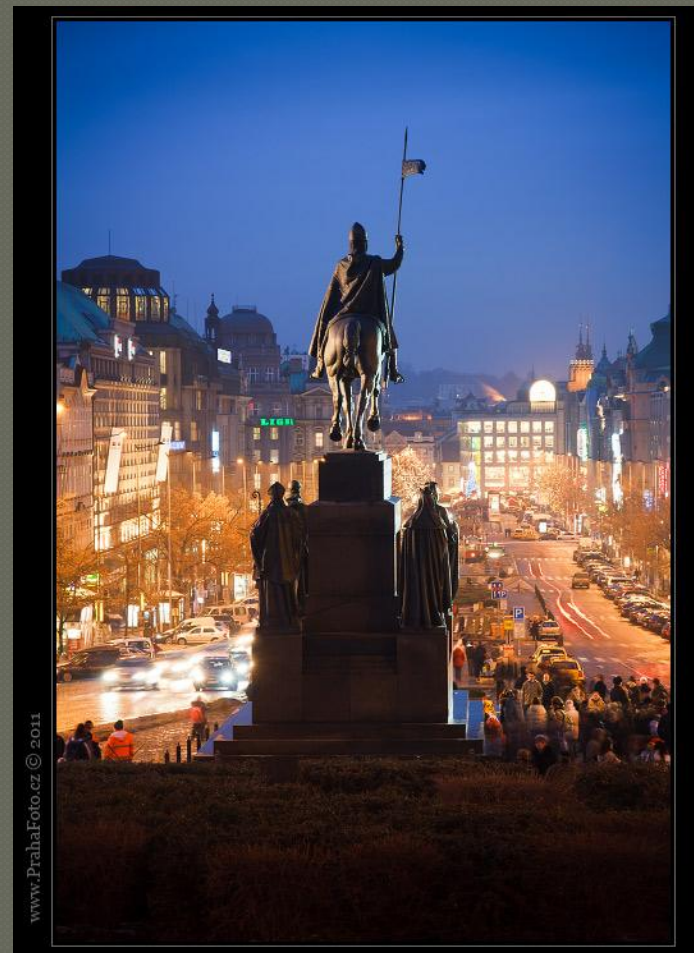




## Astronomical clock



## Wenceslas Square



## Old Town Square

with its Old Town Hall including the famous astronomical clock is one of the places you must see when in Prague.

In the upper part of the clock a procession of the Apostles can be seen every hour.

On the square there is also the monument to Master John Huss and the gothic church of Our Lady Before Týn.



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Test tasks:

1. What names of Prague sights are hidden in the anagram?

a) **DELONG ALEN**

b) **SLAHREC DREBIG**

c) **LOD NOWT LHAL**

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