



Prague in Two Days: A Budget-Friendly Itinerary for Indian Travellers

Prague is a city that feels like a fairytale come alive—cobblestone streets, medieval towers, and a castle overlooking the river. Even with just two days, you can explore its most iconic sights without stretching your budget. Here's a curated plan tailored for Indian travellers, covering history, culture, and food.

Getting Around Prague

Prague's public transport system—metro, trams, and buses—is efficient and easy on the wallet.

- **Tickets:** A 24-hour pass costs about **\$5**, while a 72-hour pass is around **\$14**, both offering unlimited travel. You can tap in with a contactless card or buy tickets from machines at metro stations and tram stops.

- **Getting From the Airport (Václav Havel Airport Prague)**

Prague airport is about **17 km (10.5 miles)** from the city center. Here are the main ways to reach downtown:

1. Public Transport (Most Budget-Friendly)

- **Bus 119 → Metro (Green Line A):** Bus 119 runs every 6–10 minutes to Nádraží Veleslavín metro station. From there, take the metro to the city center (Můstek or Staroměstská).
- **Ticket:** Covered by the **24-hour pass (\$5)** or a **single ticket (\$1.50)**.
- **Travel time:** ~40 minutes.

2. Airport Express (AE) Bus

- Direct bus to **Prague Main Train Station (Praha hlavní nádraží)**.
- **Ticket:** About **\$3.50** one way.
- **Travel time:** ~35 minutes.

3. Shuttle Bus / Shared Transfers

- Shared minivan services drop passengers at hotels or central stops.
- **Price:** Around **\$12–15 per person**.
- **Travel time:** ~40–50 minutes depending on stops.

4. Taxi

- Official taxis are available at the airport (AAA Radiotaxi or Fix Taxi).
- **Price:** Around **\$30–35** to the city center.
- **Travel time:** ~25–35 minutes, depending on traffic.

5. App-Based Rides (Uber / Bolt / Liftago)

- Usually cheaper than traditional taxis.
- **Price:** Around **\$22–28** to the city center.
- **Travel time:** ~25–30 minutes.



Tip: If you're traveling light and want to save money, public transport is very reliable. For convenience (with luggage or late-night arrival), Uber/Bolt are often better value than airport taxis.

From the Main Train Station (Praha hlavní nádraží): Old Town is just a 15–20 minute walk. Alternatively, take the **red line (C)** metro.

Day 1: Old Town & Charles Bridge



Expect plenty of walking—wear comfortable shoes.

Morning: Old Town Square

- Begin at the **Old Town Square**, surrounded by gothic and baroque masterpieces.
- Watch the **Astronomical Clock** strike the hour—a 600-year-old marvel. For stunning views, climb the Old Town Hall tower (ticketed, about **\$10**).
- Admire landmarks like the **Church of Our Lady before Týn** and **St. Nicholas Church**.

Afternoon: Jewish Quarter & Charles Bridge

- Stroll to **Josefov (Jewish Quarter)** and take in the synagogues and the hauntingly atmospheric **Old Jewish Cemetery** (entry about **\$14** if you go inside).
- Walk to the **Charles Bridge**, Prague's most famous landmark. Lined with saintly statues and buzzing with artists and musicians, it connects the Old Town to the Lesser Town.

Evening: Lesser Town & Riverside Walk

- Cross into **Malá Strana (Lesser Town)**, with its pastel houses and quiet charm.
- End your evening with a walk along the **Vltava River** or hop on a scenic tram ride for postcard-worthy views.

Day 2: Prague Castle & Beyond

Morning: Prague Castle

- Ride **tram 22** up to the **Prague Castle complex**. Entry to the courtyards and gardens is free.
- Visit **St. Vitus Cathedral** (partial access free; full entry with ticket about **\$14**).
- If interested, buy the **Prague Castle Circuit ticket** (~**\$20**) to see the Old Royal Palace, Golden Lane, and full cathedral access.

Afternoon: John Lennon Wall & Lesser Town

- Walk downhill to the **John Lennon Wall**, a colorful symbol of freedom and peace.

- Continue exploring the charming streets of Lesser Town—perfect for wandering without an agenda.
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What to Eat (on a Budget)

- **Trdelník:** Sweet “chimney cake,” found all over the city—best enjoyed warm (about \$4).
- **Jídelna:** Local canteen-style restaurants serving hearty Czech meals at low prices (a meal ~\$7–10).
- **Smažený Sýr:** Fried cheese with fries or in a bun, a popular vegetarian street snack (~\$6).
- **Indian Food:** If you crave familiar flavors, try budget-friendly spots like *Mala India* (meals ~\$10–15).



Tip: Water in restaurants can be pricey; locals usually drink beer or soft drinks. Carry a refillable bottle for tap water—it's safe to drink.



With this plan, you'll experience Prague's timeless beauty while keeping things budget-friendly and manageable in just two days.

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