



IS IT SAFE?

Prague

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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OVERALL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

RATING

 **Safe. Standard urban awareness.**

Prague is one of Europe's safest capitals for solo travelers. The historic center — Old Town, Malá Strana, and Vinohrady — is well-lit, heavily touristed, and presents minimal serious risk. The main concerns are petty theft, overpriced tourist traps, and scam taxis. Wenceslas Square and the area around the main train station warrant extra awareness late at night. Overall, Prague rewards attentive solo travelers with a relaxed and walkable experience.

RATING SCALE

-  = Very safe
-  = Safe
-  = Use caution
-  = Avoid at night
-  = Avoid

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

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AREA	RATING	NOTES
Old Town (Staré Město)	●	Busy, well-lit. Watch for pickpockets.
Malá Strana	●	Quiet, residential. Very safe.
Vinohrady	●	Upscale, locals-focused. Excellent.
New Town (Nové Město)	●	Standard awareness. Well-patrolled.
Žižkov	●	Bohemian vibe; caution after midnight.
Wenceslas Square area	●	Scams and nightlife risks after dark.
Holešovice	●	Up-and-coming; unfamiliar blocks at night.
Smíchov	●	Fine in daytime; use rideshare after dark.

Prague's historic center is compact and extremely walkable. The main risk zone is the Wenceslas Square strip after midnight — use rideshare rather than walking back to your hotel from there.

GETTING AROUND SAFELY

MODE	RATING	NOTES
Metro (A/B/C lines)	●	Reliable, clean. Watch bags in crowds.
Trams	●	Excellent. Standard pickpocket caution.
Buses	●	Fine for tourist routes; check schedules.
Rideshare (Bolt / Uber)	●	Preferred option after midnight.
Taxis (metered)	●	Use only metered, app-dispatched cabs.
Walking (center)	●	Very walkable. Well-lit cobblestones.
Night transport	●	Night trams run; rideshare preferred.

COMMON SCAMS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

Taxi overcharging:

Unmarked taxis at the airport and train station charge 5–10x the fair rate. Always book Bolt or Uber in advance, or use the official AAA Radiotaxi app. Never hail a cab off the street.

Fake currency exchange:

"Zero commission" kiosks near Old Town Square offer terrible rates. Use ATMs at major banks (Raiffeisen, ČSOB) inside a branch and always decline DCC.

Bar and strip club scam:

Touts on Wenceslas Square lure tourists into clubs with inflated menus. Bills in the hundreds of euros appear at the end of the night. Avoid any establishment promoted by a street tout.

Rigged card games:

Three-card monte and shell game operators cluster near tourist routes. Always a scam — never engage.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

- Dial 112 for all emergencies (pan-EU).
- Dial 155 for Czech ambulance service directly.
- Motol University Hospital and Na Františku Hospital are centrally located with English-speaking staff.
- Pharmacies (lékárna) are widespread; look for the green cross.
- Tap water is safe to drink throughout Prague.
- EHIC card covers EU citizens; comprehensive travel insurance recommended for all.

SOLO WOMEN TRAVELERS

Prague is very manageable for solo women. The historic center is busy with tourists around the clock. The main risk areas are Wenceslas Square after dark and any bar or club promoted by a street tout — avoid both. Vinohrady and Malá Strana are relaxed and comfortable for an evening walk or late dinner. Rideshare is strongly preferred over taxis for all after-dark transport.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police / Fire / Medical	112
Czech Ambulance (direct)	155
Czech Police (direct)	158
Motol University Hospital	+420 224 433 681
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