

# Travel Responsibly in Czechia

Be a Respectful & Welcome Guest



## 1. Experience Czechia – Off the Beaten Path

With its rich history, vibrant culture, and deep-rooted traditions, Czechia is a treasure trove of experiences. It boasts one of the highest concentrations of accessible castles and chateaux in Europe, as well as breathtaking natural scenery—from picturesque protected landscape areas to national parks full of unique ecosystems. It's no wonder that travellers from around the world are drawn to its beauty. To truly experience Czechia, venture beyond the crowds. Discover hidden gems off the beaten path, explore lesser-known sites beyond the peak season, and plan ahead to make the most of your journey.

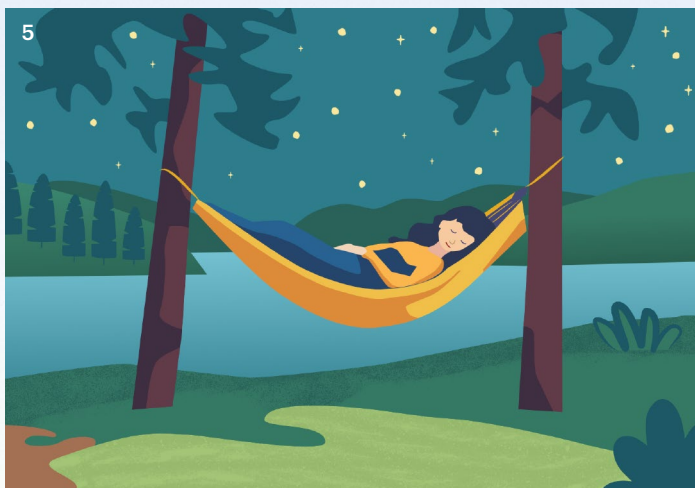
## 2. Czechia by Train – A Journey Full of Experiences

In Czechia, every kilometre of your journey can be an experience. It's a paradise for railway enthusiasts. With one of the densest railway networks in the EU, you can comfortably reach even the most hidden corners of the country with minimal environmental impact. From the train, you'll see more of Czechia than from the highway – and often even places that are inaccessible by car or on foot. Just for interest: you can cross Czechia from one side to the other on a high-speed train in just 4 hours and 44 minutes. Travel smart, travel sustainably, and enjoy every moment along the way!



## 3. Stay on Track with Locals – A Unique Network of Trails

Czechia boasts one of the best-marked trail networks in the world, spanning over 44,000 km. If you walked every route, you'd cover more miles than if you circled the equator! The trails are easy to follow – red marks guide you along challenging long-distance routes, blue marks lead you to major paths, green to local trails, and yellow indicates shortcuts and shorter routes. At key crossroads and in villages, informative signposts provide names of places, altitude details, and directions to hidden gems along the way. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, the Czech Tourist Club ensures that trails are uniformly marked, regularly maintained, and updated. With their care, you'll never lose your way or wander off track. Stay on the trails, protect nature, and discover a side of Czechia you'll never forget!



## 4. Be a Welcome Visitor

The places you visit are home to animals, plants, and local residents. Leave only positive footprints by respecting nature, cultural heritage, local communities, and other visitors. Stay on marked trails and avoid shortcuts that could damage the landscape or cross through someone's private garden. Camp only in designated areas, park in permitted car parks, and never block access roads. Always take your rubbish with you (trust us, nature doesn't need souvenirs), and never bury sanitary products or wet wipes. Light fires only in designated places to prevent wildfires. Leave natural and cultural sites as you found them – let plants grow, protect historical landmarks, and enjoy the scenery without causing harm. This way, you help ensure that these hidden gems can be admired by future generations of visitors.

## 5. Tramping – A Czech Tradition of Adventure

Tramping is more than just a way to spend time in nature – it's a uniquely Czech tradition that embodies freedom, independence, and a spirit of adventure. But while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors, it's essential to respect the rules. Camping with an open fire is prohibited in most parts of Czechia without a special permit. Many national parks and nature reserves have strict regulations in place to protect nature and ensure peace for wildlife. For a safe and responsible adventure, some areas only allow camping in designated spots or official campsites, where proper facilities and infrastructure are available. Planning to spend a night in the wild? Always check the local rules, and consider using low-impact, eco-friendly gear. Ready to explore Czech nature? Just do it responsibly!

## 6. Savour Local Hospitality

Discovering Czechia is not just about nature and landmarks – it's about connecting with the locals. Embrace the heart of each region by supporting small businesses, shopping from local producers, and savouring authentic regional specialties. Explore traditional crafts that are part of our rich cultural heritage. From cosy family-run restaurants to charming local shops and workshops, every corner of the country has something unique to offer. By choosing local, you're not just picking up a souvenir – you're taking home a piece of the place, made with love and care by the artisans, farmers, and locals who make each region special.

## 7. Don't Set Off Without Proper Preparation

Before you embark on your journey, plan your route, check the weather conditions, and make sure you're fully equipped for the adventure ahead. Comfortable shoes, a sturdy backpack, plenty of water, and a first-aid kit are essential for a stress-free experience. The best place to start is at a local information centre or House of Nature, where you'll get valuable advice, directions, and answers to any questions you may have. Don't forget to check if you need to buy tickets for attractions in advance to avoid any unpleasant surprises along the way.



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