

# Best Beer Pubs in Prague

We Czechs don't like to drink beer that tastes like rot-gut. So it's only for greater good to recommend our visitors, where to find **best beer in Prague**. Other important thing is atmosphere in restaurant, because in friendly and hospitable places are high standards of bar and kitchen.

Interesting fact is that in Prague people prefer a **little colder beer** than usual. Temperature is about 3°C, while typical is 6°C. Also there's difference between Bohemia and Moravia in how to tap beer. Bohemians prefer beer tapped at once, while the other in three cycles, which makes thick head.

## Best Pilsner in Prague

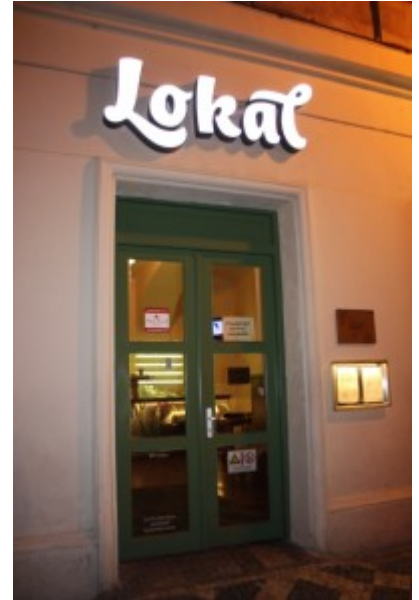
### **Malostranská beseda**

Cosy restaurant right on Malostranské náměstí (Lesser Town Square) can be a nice refreshment checkpoint before hike to the Prague Castle through Nerudova Street. Local bartenders really understand Pilsner beer. Their service is perfect and when you drink two quick beers it's a taste of joy.

### **Konvikt**

Pleasant modern restaurant and bar for youngsters. You can easily sit here till 3 am and meet various groups of people from teenagers to actors, musicians and beer experts. This place is hidden in mysterious streets not far from National

Theatre and Bethlehem Square.



## **Lokál**

Group of pubs with brilliant beer and food typical for serving with beer. But be aware on weekend it gets really like really crowded in here. Across Prague you can find four of these alehouses, but shortly there will be fifth. One can be found in Dlouhá Street, where are numerous pubs and clubs.

## **U Zlatého tygra**

Right on the way from Old Town Square to Charles Bridge is another pub with good beer in Prague. The atmosphere in here breaths out old history of Old Town. Also it was meeting place of Czech elite and even US president Bill Clinton visited this place with Václav Havel. And the prices in here are very favourable.

## **Kolkovna**

Kolkovna is also a group of restaurants with excellent beer. It's very similar to Lokál and gets overcrowded as well. Local kitchen offers meals from cheese selection to roasted duck. Most popular with best beer is at Celnice on Náměstí republiky.

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# Czech Republic the Beer Nation

When you say Czech Republic in the world, some people recall Czech hockey and sportsmen, Václav Havel or endless politics affairs. What will pop surely in their heads is undoubtedly **Czech beer**. Czechs are rightfully **nation of beer drinkers**. From 2008 Czechs are on the **first place in beer consumption**. Every Czech drinks unbelievable 160 litres of beer per year, that's 320 pints even counting small children.

## History of beer

**History of beer** in Czech countries dates back to the end of 10th century to Břevnov monastery. Although archaeological research proved that beer was brewed in the times of Germanic tribes. The oldest record of **hop cultivation** is charter of Břetislav I. from 1034. Great milestone in beer brewing was foundation of **Pilsner Brewery** (Měšťanský pivovar v Plzni) in 1842. They used **bottom fermentation** and this method quickly stepped forward among rivals. It was so popular that this type of beer is called **pilsner** ever since. That was the start of **golden age** in Czech beer production. Large breweries started step forward and small breweries perished. In a few years Pilsner was available across whole Europe and a special train loaded with beer departed to Wien every morning.



Pilsner Brewery front gate

To be a genuine beer drinker, you should know at least basic facts what makes Czech beer so popular. **České pivo** is a protected geographical indication (PGI) by EU. It marks out thanks to the use of **high-quality ingredients** from specified regions, classic technology and procedure of production and of course the craft of **Czech master brewers**. Especially Žatec region provides the **world's best quality hop** so essential for brewing. Another essential ingredient is **barley for malt**, although some brewery may use wheat or other grain.

Most popular Czech beers are **lagers of pilsner style**. Pilsner Urquell is considered the best among Czechs, but Gambrinus is perhaps the most consumed. Another great brewery is Staropramen, which sets in Prague. In Moravia, Radegast is very popular for its bitter



taste. There are also quality beers from **small breweries** available in pubs and **beer specials**. Such specials can be found in several joints, for example U Medvídků, where you can taste a 33° beer. A famous restaurant with own brew is U Fleků, where you can taste traditional dark beer with quite similar taste to Guinness. And of course there's Prague Beer Museum with 30 beers on tap from micro-breweries.

Last but not least beer is great source of **vitamin B** and since

beer in Czech Republic is literally **cheaper than water**, why not to come and taste for yourself.