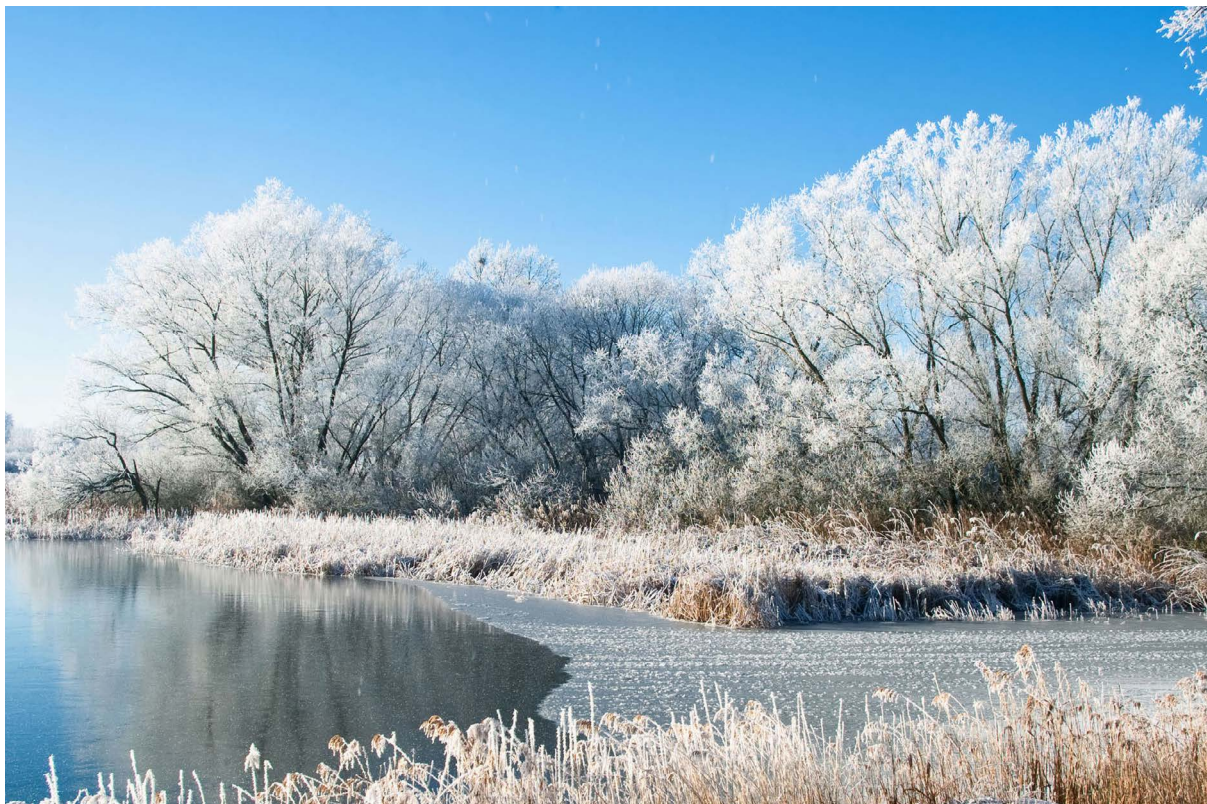


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TRADE NEWS

Hotels & Restaurants

Hotel Benica opened a new wellness center



Hotel Benica, located near the Konopiště castle south of Prague, has opened a new **wellness center** with a spacious whirlpool for seven people and a sauna for four. Hotel guests can also look forward to a playroom for small and older children or a newly built **luxury family apartment** with an area of 100 m², which offers a total of three rooms and can accommodate up to eight people. More at <https://www.benica.cz/en/home/>

Fast-food chain Popeyes opened its first Czech branch on the Wenceslas Square



The American fast-food chain **Popeyes** opened its first branch on Prague's **Wenceslas Square**. Those eager to taste the traditional Louisiana chicken will, however, have to wait in queue for some time. More at <https://www.popeyeschicken.cz/?lang=en&locale-selected=1®ion=CZ>

New four-star hotel opened in the center of Kutná Hora



New four-star **Barborský dvůr** hotel opened in the historic center of **Kutná Hora**, offering accommodation in nineteen double rooms, breakfast included. More at <https://hotelbarborskydvur.cz/en/welcome/>

Transportation

MVRDV and NACO to Design Václav Havel Airport Prague New Buildings



The design proposal for **three new airport buildings** by MVRDV Netherlands-based architecture atelier prepared in cooperation with NACO (Netherlands Airport Consultants) won the **Prague Airport** architectural competition. The design extends Terminal 1 with a new building for central security screening, business areas, and VIP lounges. A building comprising a hotel, conference center, and parking facilities will be constructed in the public part of the airport. More at <https://www.prg.aero/en/mvrdv-and-naco-design-vaclav-havel-airport-prague-new-buildings>

easyJet starts flying to Alicante

From April next year, Prague will get yet another connection with Spain. The **easyJet** airline will start flying twice a week to **Alicante**, Spain from **April 1**, on Mondays and Fridays. Source: easyJet

Eurowings signs major maintenance deal with JOB AIR Technic for two winter seasons



JOB AIR Technic has signed a significant maintenance contract with **Eurowings** Technik, a member of the Lufthansa Group. This contract will see 13 Eurowings Airbuses arriving at JOB AIR Technic hangars in Ostrava for maintenance during the winter seasons of **2023/2024 and 2024/2025**. <https://www.jobair.eu/news/eurowings-inks-major-maintenance-deal-with-job-air-technic-for-two-winter-seasons>

Brno Airport hits historic milestone in number of handled passengers

The Brno Airport has hit a historic milestone, handling **over 664,000 passengers during the first 10 months of this year**. This exceeds the previous record of 2011 with 558,000 passengers handled throughout the whole year. The busiest months were those of the summer holidays, with over half a million passengers traveling between the start of June and the end of September, a 47% increase compared to last year and up 34% on the pre-Covid year of 2019. The most popular destinations included London,



Antalya, and Burgas, or the resorts Marsa Alam and Hurghada in Egypt. More at <https://www.brno-airport.cz/en/brno-airport/press-releases/brno-airport-hits-passenger-milestone-and-prepares-for-its-first-long-haul-passenger-flights/>

Smartwings to launch regular service to Brindisi next summer

From **June 3, 2024**, the **Smartwings** airline will launch regular air connections between Prague and **Brindisi**, Italy. The airline will fly twice a week between the two cities, on Mondays and Thursdays. Source: Smartwings

Volotea is adding another line from Prague, will start flying to Verona

The Spanish low-cost carrier **Volotea** is coming with its fourth line from Czechia. From **March 22, 2024**, the airline will offer flights from Prague to **Verona**, Italy, planning to fly on Mondays and Fridays with the Airbus A320 aircraft for 180 passengers. So far, Volotea offers connections from Prague to Lyon and Nantes, on March 22 it will also start flying to Florence. Source: Volotea

From Prague to over a hundred destinations this winter

Valencia, Keflavík, Bilbao, and Cairo – new destinations, which will help increase winter traffic at **Václav Havel Airport**

Prague by almost a quarter compared to last winter. Passengers will be able to choose from **111 direct connections**. There will also be direct long-haul charter services to exotic destinations such as Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Cuba. As many as **46 airlines** will operate direct air connections under the **winter flight schedule**. For the first time in history, winter holiday ski charters to the Turkish resort of Kayseri will be offered. More at <https://www.prg.aero/en/exotic-places-popular-european-cities-and-direct-flights-go-skiing-winter-prague-over-hundred>

Prague Airport honey wins gold medal for the tenth time in a row



For the **tenth time in a row**, **Prague Airport** has succeeded in the **Czech Honey contest**, held by the Czech Beekeepers Association. Once again, its blossom honey received a 100% rating and won a **gold medal**. Parameters such as water content, sucrose, correctness of information on the labels or the overall look of the honey packaging are evaluated in the contest. Prague Airport has been submitting its honey samples to the competition since 2013. There are currently **six bee colonies** on Václav Havel Airport Prague premises which produced approximately 40 kilograms of honey this year. More at <https://www.prg.aero/en/prague-airport-honey-receives-100-rating-and-wins-gold-medal-tenth-time-row>

Data & Research

Tourism Czechia is growing, the 3rd quarter of this year saw more tourists than before the pandemic

More **tourists** visited Czechia in the **3rd quarter of this year** than in the 2019 pre-covid year. Almost **7.9 million** people arrived, of which more than 4.8 million (61.3%) were domestic guests and more than 3 million (38.7%) foreign guests. **Year-on-year**, this represents an **increase** in the total number of tourists in Czechia **of 8%** and of 4% compared to the period before the covid-19 pandemic. However, **the ratio between domestic and foreign visitors has changed**. In the 3rd quarter of this year, number of residents among the visitors rose by 15 % while number of foreigners dropped by 9%. Among foreign tourists, the most numerous were again Germans, followed by Polish, Slovak, American and Dutch nationals. More at <https://www.czechtourism.cz/en-US/Novinky/Archiv/2023/11/Cestovni-ruch-v-Cesku-roste-Ve-3-ctvrtleti-bylo-tu>

Mountain resorts have invested over CZK one billion in new attractions

In efforts to modernize their services for customers and cope with unstable weather conditions and energy prices, **ski resorts in Czechia spent over CZK one billion** in new facilities and energy-saving technologies keeping **ski pass prices more or less at the last year's level**. The main new features include the construction of **several ski slopes and two ropeways**. Visitors can look forward to new or expanded downhill runs, such as two brand new downhill runs in Špindlerův Mlýn that will become part of the planned connection between Sv. Petr and Medvědin. A new downhill track was also created this year in Dolní Morava,

at the length of 3.7 km the longest in the country. A new six-seater with heating and bubbles is being put into operation at Bílá in the Beskydy Mountains, replacing the existing four-seater, and a four-seater with a length of over 1,400 m will be put into operation in Orlické Záhoří in the Orlické Mountains. More at <https://www.czechtourism.cz/en-US/Novinky/Archiv/2023/10/Horska-strediska-investovala-do-letosni-zimy-pres>

PRODUCT NEWS

Cities & Regions

Prague

Prague's Pařížská once again CEE's most expensive shopping street



A new ranking has placed **Prague's Pařížská Street** as the **world's 19th-most expensive shopping street, and the priciest in the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) region**. A survey entitled The Main Streets Across the World by real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield evaluated retail space rents in 50 countries' most expensive shopping streets. In world terms, Pařížská's ranking drops by two spots from the 2022 report, although it retains its spot as being the priciest street in the CEE region. It is Europe's 11th-most expensive street this year. Source: Cushman & Wakefield

The Olomouc Region

Giant Manta Rays float over the center of Olomouc



Until the end of September next year, **Giant Manta Rays** will float over the Opletalova street in the **center of Olomouc**. The perforated steel sculptures, called the **Angels of the seas** by their author Michal Trpák, are part of the international sculpture festival **Sculpture Line**. This year, Sculpture Line takes place in 25 cities in six countries, Olomouc has been part of it since 2018. Source: City of Olomouc

Culture

From Rise to Fall. Dance and Movement Studies by Jan Štursa

The **sculptor Jan Štursa** (1880–1925) regarded **drawing** as an intrinsic part of his artwork. In drawing, his initial ideas were outlined and the appearance of his finished works took shape. In 1908, Štursa progressed from idealized nudes of young girls (Puberty, 1905–1906) influenced by literary symbolism to conveying the vitalism of modern life in the firm, graceful form of the human, mainly female, body. **Dance**, which he could observe on Prague's theatre stages, offered him diverse creative stimuli that found expression in both his sculptures and drawings. In his sculptures and drawings, Štursa depicted not only the real-life dancers Sulamit Rahu and Olga Gzovská



but also the dynamic poses he had seen on stage, projecting them also into works of other subjects, often in surprising contexts. **Trade Fair Palace, Prague. Through Feb. 11, 2024.** More at <https://www.ngprague.cz/en/event/3837/From%20Rise%20to%20Fall.%20Dance%20and%20Movement%20Studies%20by%20Jan%20%5A0tursa>

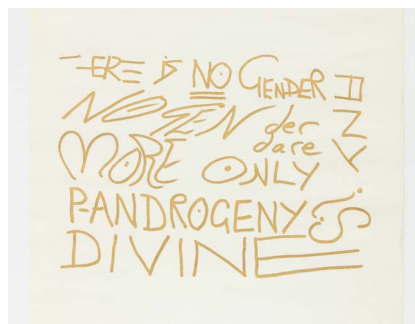
Santini through the lens of Vladimír Uher



No publication on Baroque architecture in the Czech lands would be complete without the photographs of **Vladimír Uher** (1925–2016). Uher inherited his love for **photography** and a close relationship to nature and music from his father. Although his hopes and dreams for the future were initially tied to music, after the war his professional life would revolve around photography. **GASK, Kutná Hora, through Jan. 14, 2024.** More at <https://gask.art/exhibition/santini-through-the-lens-of-vladimir-uhher/>

It Is a Painful Thing to Be Alone: We Are But One

It Is a Painful Thing to Be Alone: We Are But One is the **first major posthumous presentation in Europe** of the work of artist, musician, writer,



occultist and cultural engineer, **Genesis Breyer P-Orridge** (1950–2020), organized jointly by DOX Centre for Contemporary Art and New Discretions (New York). The exhibition follows on from the exhibition Breyer P-Orridge: We Are But One, which opened at Pioneer Works in Red Hook Labs, Brooklyn in 2022. The works presented there will form the core of the current project, offering an intimate examination of the Pandrogynne Project (Genesis Breyer P-Orridge with Lady Jaye Breyer P-Orridge (1969–2007), a nearly two-decade endeavor to liberate love and pure consciousness from the confines of a gender-conforming body. DOX, Prague, through March 3, 2024. More at <https://www.dox.cz/en/whats-on/it-is-a-painful-thing-to-be-alone-we-are-but-one>

Alžběta Jungrová – State of Mind

Immediately after the Velvet Revolution, in December 1989, her family took then eleven-year-old Alžběta to visit her great-grandmother in America. The Eastern European child's fascination with pre-Christmas **New York** has never really worn off, and so she has been returning there regularly ever since – to study, to work, on holiday. For days and weeks at a time, she walks around the city for hours, shooting **street photography** – a kind of documentary work where the photographer focuses on the volatile images around her. She must react quickly and shut out everything else. Although visiting a vibrant city like New York may seem like just another stressful situation, for Jungrová it's a heartfelt, meditative activity. It's a state of mind.



400 ASA Gallery, Prague, through Feb. 4, 2024. More at <https://www.400asa.org/en/2023/11/15/exhibition-opening-november-23rd-alzbeta-jungrova-state-of-mind/>

Alena Foustková: Women Must Cover Their Heads Because They Are Not the Image of God



Museum Kampa regularly presents the work of artists who spent a significant part of their life in emigration. Such is the case of **multimedia artist Alena Foustková** (born 1957), whose exhibition **Women Must Cover Their Heads Because They Are Not the Image of God** explores the multiple layers of **women's trauma**. Foustková's objects, embroideries, assemblages, and videos weave together her personal traumas and the collective experience of womanhood. Some of these works trace the origins of Christian thought and its distortion through centuries of dogmatic interpretation, which became a vital tool for the mass oppression of

women. Museum Kampa, Prague, through Jan. 28, 2024. More at <https://www.museumkampa.cz/vystava/alena-foustkova-women-must-cover-their-heads-because-they-are-not-the-image-of-god/>

Depeche Mode in Prague



With over two million tickets sold to date on the **Memento Mori Tour**, and following sold-out shows across North America and Europe, **Depeche Mode** announce additional European tour dates in 2024. Following stadium and arena shows across Europe, Mexico, Canada, and the US this summer and fall, Depeche Mode announced 29 new European dates which will extend the tour into 2024. **Prague's O2 arena** will welcome them on **Feb. 22 and 24**. More at <https://www.o2arena.cz/en/events/depeche-mode-2/?lang=en>

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Czech Convention Bureau monthly

The **Czech Convention Bureau** has released its **new monthly** with cultural tips to enhance any incentive program. Download the latest and older monthlies at <https://www.czechtourism.cz/cs-CZ/Marketingove-aktivity/Czech-Convention-Bureau/Ke-stazeni/Kulturni-akce-a-festivaly-poradane-v-Ceske-republi>