

## FAQ about the TRIP TO PRAGUE 2018

If you have been accepted into the Neuroscience Study Abroad in Salamanca Spain, you may take an optional trip to Prague to take a short course on Neuroscience Methods, June 11-12, 2018. Our hosts in Prague are investigators on the auditory system that happen to be members of the Czech Institute of Experimental Medicine in the Czech Academy of Sciences. We will visit labs and learn about eight types of neuroscience methods. The course is limited to 30 students. However, you may choose not to take the course but still go to Prague at the same time if you find your own accommodations.

The schedule is as follows:

1. We have booked space for 30 students in Masarykova kolej, the St Charles University Hotel/Hostel. Ten singles and ten doubles at 25€ (\$35) a night for June 8-13.
2. Make your travel plans now to get good prices. You will give me that information later in a shared Google document.
3. We will have a pre-departure meeting for the Prague trip in Salamanca a few days before we go. We will discuss details about meeting and transport in Prague at that meeting.

### DEPARTURE

You may travel to Prague as early as Friday June 13. Those with an afternoon departure can take either bus or train to Madrid. You have several options for going on the 5:25 pm flight. It is not necessary to arrive in Prague on the 13<sup>th</sup>. If you choose to come later, you must let us know so we can tell your hotel when you are arriving.

### FROM MADRID

Czech Air (Iberia) flies non-stop to Prague from Madrid. Many other options are available with one stop. I usually travel on the 2:55pm flight.

### GENERAL

### INFORMATION:

The Czech local currency is the Czech crown (CZK). The exchange rate is approx. 1 Euro = 27.4 Czech crowns or 1 USD≈25 CZK. Change money only at official Check Points (baggage claim area at the airport, airport arrival hall, hotels, banks, Check Points on streets). Money exchange is also available at the reception of hotel Masarykova kolej. Smaller shops accept only Czech crowns; superstores and some other shops also accept credit cards and Euros.

Your hostel is **Masarykova kolej** directly opposite the **Vienna House Hotel** where Dr Oliver will stay.

<https://www.suz.cvut.cz/en/dormitories/the-masarykova-dormitory>. Please see and save the link to my Google map of Prague at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zNGLJ6NG-7U4.kcxO8Xk3Fc5w>

All of the expenses for the trip will be paid by you directly for airline, hostel, food, etc at the time of purchase. So you will determine the final cost. You should arrange travel from Madrid to Prague and return as soon as possible.

### COST ESTIMATE:

Prague hostel, 5 nights (Fri-Wed)	125€ (we reserve the rooms, you pay the college)
Local transport	\$15 (subway, trolley, and bus pass)
MAD to PRG roundtrip air	\$240 (estimate; you purchase the ticket)
Food	\$170 (estimate)

Other than the course fee, anything you can arrange for yourself that is cheaper will be fine with us. We are pretty confident about the prices for travel and hostels.

### RETURN

Plan to return on Wednesday, June 13. I will probably depart that morning.