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Suggested day trip plans for 1, 2 or 3 days

From our guide [Top 10 Best Day Trips from Prague](#). Print it or save it to your phone.



You can see the best of the Prague region in three days by grouping the trips by direction. The itinerary below is also available as a free printable PDF, which the site adds after the quick answer.

Day 1: Kutná Hora

Take an early direct train to Kutná Hora and start at the Sedlec Ossuary before the tour groups arrive. Continue to the town centre for St Barbara's Church and a walk through the old streets. Have lunch in town, then take a late-afternoon train back to Prague.

Day 2: Karlštejn and the west

Catch a morning train to Karlštejn with a pre-booked tour, and allow time for the uphill walk from the station. Return to Prague in the early afternoon and spend the evening in the city. If you prefer a longer day and have energy, swap Karlštejn for Plzeň and its brewery tour.

Day 3: Terezín or Mělník

For history, take a morning bus to Terezín, visit the Small Fortress and the Ghetto Museum, and return before the late-afternoon bus service thins out. For a lighter day, go to Mělník instead, climb the church tower and finish with a wine tasting at the chateau.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Kutná Hora

How to get there: Direct train from Praha hlavní nádraží to Kutná Hora hlavní nádraží, about an hour.

How long to spend: A full day, or five to six hours at a brisk pace.

Best time to go: A weekday in spring or autumn, to avoid the biggest tour groups.

Tip: Start at the Sedlec Ossuary before the coaches arrive, then walk or take a local connection to the town centre.

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2. Karlštejn Castle

How to get there: Train from Praha hlavní nádraží or Praha-Smíchov to Karlštejn, then a 20 to 25 minute walk uphill.

How long to spend: Half a day, including the tour and the walk.

Best time to go: A weekday morning from spring to autumn, with a booked tour.

Tip: Book your tour time in advance and allow extra time for the climb from the station.

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3. Terezín

How to get there: Regional bus from Prague (often from Letňany) to Terezín, about an hour, then a short walk.

How long to spend: Half a day to a full day, depending on how many sites you visit.

Best time to go: A weekday, to avoid larger tour groups.

Tip: Check the last bus back to Prague before you start, and leave plenty of time at the Small Fortress.

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4. Plzeň

How to get there: Direct train from Praha hlavní nádraží to Plzeň hlavní nádraží, about one and a half hours.

How long to spend: A full day.

Best time to go: A weekday, with a pre-booked brewery tour.

Tip: Combine the brewery with the Historical Underground for the best view of the city's past.

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5. Český Krumlov

How to get there: Direct bus from Prague, about three hours each way, or train with a change at České Budějovice.

How long to spend: A long day, or better, an overnight stay.

Best time to go: Late spring or early autumn, and a weekday if you can.

Tip: Take an early bus and check the last return departure so you are not rushed.

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6. Bohemian Switzerland

How to get there: Train to Děčín, then a bus to Hřensko, around two hours or more in total.

How long to spend: A full day.

Best time to go: Late spring to early autumn, in dry weather.

Tip: Check the last connection back to Prague before you begin the hike.

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7. Karlovy Vary

How to get there: Direct bus from Florenc, about two hours each way.

How long to spend: A full day.

Best time to go: A weekday outside July, when the film festival is on.

Tip: Buy a spa cup in the first colonnade and sample the different springs, which vary in temperature.

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8. Konopiště Castle

How to get there: Train from Praha hlavní nádraží to Benešov u Prahy, then a walk of about two kilometres or a short taxi ride.

How long to spend: Half a day.

Best time to go: Spring to autumn, on a weekday.

Tip: Check the opening season before you travel, since winter access is limited.

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9. Mělník

How to get there: Regional bus from Prague, about an hour each way.

How long to spend: Half a day to a full day.

Best time to go: Late summer or early autumn, during the grape harvest.

Tip: Climb the church tower for the view of the river confluence, then taste wine at the chateau.

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10. Dresden

How to get there: Direct train from Praha hlavní nádraží to Dresden Hauptbahnhof, about two hours each way.

How long to spend: A full day.

Best time to go: A weekday in spring or autumn, or during Advent for the Christmas market.

Tip: Carry photo ID for the border crossing, and check the closing day of the museums you want.

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Getting around for Prague day trips

Czech Railways runs most of the trains in this guide, and tickets can be bought online, at stations and from machines. The [Czech Railways website](#) and IDOS both show timetables and let you plan routes that combine trains and buses. Regional buses leave from several terminals, so check which one your service uses.

For long bus journeys such as Český Krumlov and Karlovy Vary, private operators including RegioJet and FlixBus run direct services, and booking ahead is wise at weekends. Check the last return departure before you go, particularly for Terezín, Bohemian Switzerland and Český Krumlov. Within Prague, trams, buses and the metro share a ticket system run by the [Prague Public Transit Company](#).

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see <https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-day-trips-from-prague/>.