

TRAVELS NOW AND THEN

© Christopher Earls Brennen

PRAGUE 2003

PRAGUE

PRAGUE

MAR. 21	FRI		
22	SAT		
23	SUN	Fly to London	Fly to L
→ 24	MON	Prague → Prague	Fly to London 5 PM
25	TUES	→ Fly to Prague	
26	WED	Prague	
27	THURS	9.00am EXAM	2.00.30 PM LECTURE
28	FRI	Fly to London → drive to Oxford	Prague
29	SAT	Fly to LA	Fly to London x
30	SUN		Fly to LA
31	MON	Classes Start	

Sun. Mar.23
Fly to London

[Business](#) | [Meetings](#) | [Leisure](#) | [E-Deals](#)

- [Home](#)
- [Login/Register](#)
- [Book It](#)
- [View/Cancel Booking](#)
- [Hotel Directory](#)
- [About Thistle](#)
- [Site Guide](#)

Thistle Tower

**Thistle Tower, St Katharines Way
London E1W 1LD**
 reception: 0870 333 9106
 fax: 0870 333 9206
 email: Tower@Thistle.co.uk
 web: www.thistlehotels.com/tower

- [Hotel Inform](#)
- [Hotel De](#)
- [Telephone Reserva](#)
- [Leisure Faci](#)
- [Dining Faci](#)
- [Broch](#)

Select another Hotel

Getting There

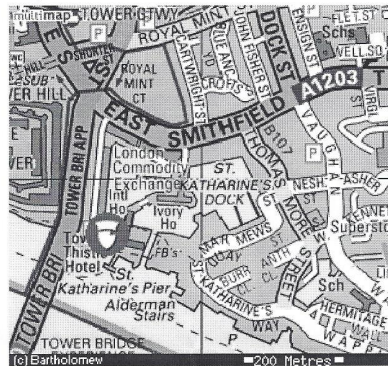
If you're travelling by car, rail, air, or even on foot, we'll give you the directions to make your journey simple. Whether you're travelling to a hotel, or from one, use the Route Finder for step-by-step instructions.

[Printer Friendly Ver](#)

[Getting T](#)

[Direct](#)
[Route Fi](#)

Map



To see an interactive version of this map, click on this [View Interactive Map](#) link.

RAILTRACK **Railt**
 This web site is "the heart the railway". It provides information on the above ground railway including: stations, timetables, bridge tunnels, track and signals.

Directions

Road
 Head for Tower Bridge. Drive towards Tower Bridge as if crossing to south of river, straight over first set of lights and do a U-turn at 2nd set of lights. After the traffic light controlled junction, turn left immediately into St Katherine's Way and the hotel is at the end. There are 120 car parking spaces available under the hotel at an additional charge

Railway and the Tube
 Fenchurch Street is 0.5 miles away.

<http://www.thistlehotels.com/main/hotel/thistletower/directions.xml>

3/6/03



London, Tower Bridge

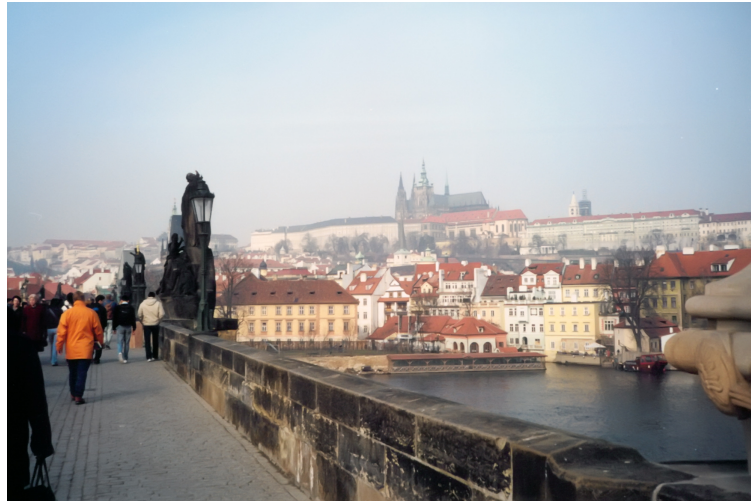


London, Tower Bridge

Tue. Mar.25
Fly to Prague



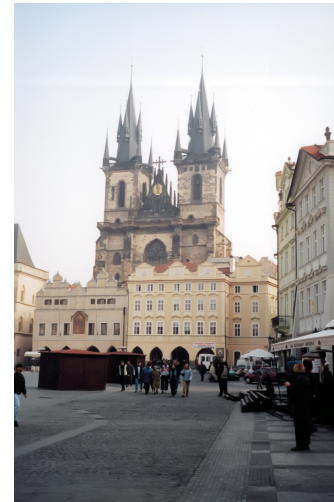
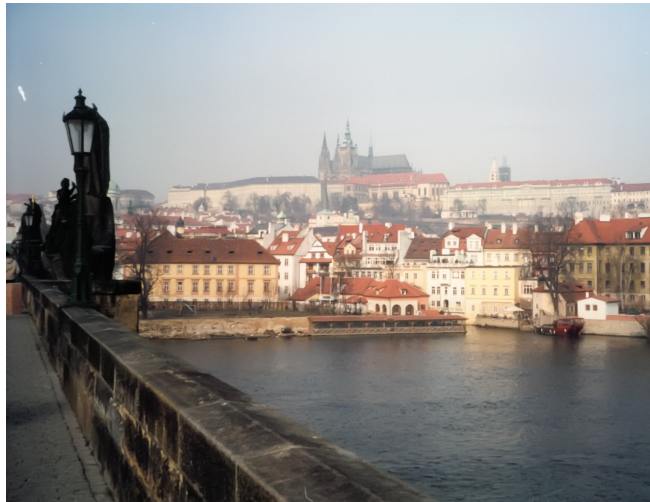
Prague



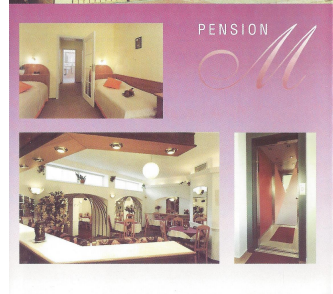
Prague



Prague



Prague



PENSION M

Davidkova 2143/84
152 00 Praha 6
Czech Republic

MARIE HUML-HANZOVA
Tel.: +420 283 88 08 27
Tel./Fax: +420 283 88 23 84
E-mail: m.pension@volny.cz
E-mail: info@pension-m.cz
www.pension-m.cz

Dopravní spojení:
Městskou hromadnou dopravou se dostanete ze stanice Ládví do centra přibližně za 20 minut. (Tram.: 10, 17 a 24). V roce 2004 bude zprovozněna i stanice metra.
Pokud chcete využít auta, dostanete se do centra pohodlně čtyřpruhovou magistrálou asi za 10 minut. Zaměstnanci pensionu vám jsou k dispozici i při zajištění dopravy např. z letiště či na nádraží apod.

Public Transportation connection:
Using the Prague Public Transportation Network, you can get to the center in about 20 minutes. Just take the tram number 10, 12, 17 or 24 from the "Ládví" Tram stop.
Tram station: "Ládví". Tram number: 10, 17 or 24
Metro station: from 2004
From the year 2004, there will be also a metro station available. If you decide to travel by car, the four-lane expressway will take you easily to the town center in about 10 minutes.
Our staff is available for you also in case you need transportation from the airport or railway station.

Verkehrsverbindung:
Mit dem Stadtverkehr können Sie das Zentrum in 20 Minuten erreichen. Dort fahren Sie mit der Straßenbahnnummer 10, 17 oder 24 von der Haltestelle „Ládví“.
Straßenbahnhaltestelle: „Ládví“. Straßenbahn Nummer: 10, 17 oder 24
U-Bahn Station: seit 2004
Falls Sie das Auto bevorzugen, fahren Sie auf der Autobahn und bequem erreichen Sie das Stadtzentrum in zirka 10 Minuten.
Unser Personal steht Ihnen auch beim Transport von dem Flughafen oder Bahnhof zur Verfügung.



<p>DOBRY DEN</p> <p>Vítáme Vás v M Pensionu!</p> <p><small>M Pension se nachází v regionu Prahy B-Libni, 20 minut od centra, v klidném prostředí.</small></p> <p><small>Pension má 10 pokojů s vlastním sociálním zařízením, z toho 4 pokoje jsou s balkonem, výťah, bar, salónek pro různé příležitosti, posezení na zahrádce, 2 garáže a 5 parkovacích míst.</small></p>	<p>GUTEN TAG</p> <p>Herzlich Willkommen in der M Pension!</p> <p><small>Die M Pension befindet sich in Prag 8 und gewährt Ihnen einen angenehmen Aufenthalt in einer ruhigen Lage und gemüthlicher Atmosphäre. Die Pension ist 20 Minuten vom Stadtzentrum entfernt.</small></p> <p><small>Insgesamt bietet die Pension 10 Zimmer mit Dusche und WC, davon 4 Zimmer sind mit Balkon. Die Pension ist mit einem Aufzug, Bar und einem kleinen Salon für verschiedene Gelegenheiten ausgestattet. Außerdem gibt es auch Sitzmöglichkeiten in dem Garten. Zwei Garagen und fünf Parkplätze stehen den Gästen zur Verfügung.</small></p>	<p>HALLO</p> <p>Welcome to "M Pension" Guest House!</p> <p><small>The M Pension is located in Prague 8, approximately 20 minutes from the town center, in a quite neighborhood.</small></p> <p><small>The M Pension is a 10-room Guest House with an elevator. Each of the guest rooms has a private bathroom, four of the rooms are available with balcony. There is a bar, a lounge for various occasions, and a garden, where you can rest as well. There are 2 garages and 5 parking lots available.</small></p>
		

Brennen, Christopher

From: Marsik [marsik@it.cas.cz]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2003 7:16 AM
To: Brennen, Christopher
Subject: All is prepared for your arrival

Dear Professor Brennen,

Patrik will pick you up at the airport and he will take you to your small hotel called "Hanauer" near our institute. He will explain to you the best way to reach the historical center to visit the most interesting places. On 26. March I will not be in Prague, but on 27. March at 8.00 a.m. I will pick you up at your hotel and we shall go to the Czech Technical University, where the PhD defence will take place. Then we shall have lunch before 14.00 p.m. in the institute. Everything will be prepared to reimburse your money and to present your lecture. Please take the flight ticket and the receipt with you. In the evening I would like invite you and your wife to dinner in a small restaurant near your hotel. On Friday you will be free and you can change the Czech crowns back to USD.

Looking forward to seeing you and your wife in Prague I stay

With the best regards

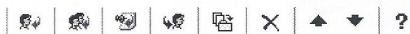
Frantisek Marsik

 Frantisek MARSIK, Prof., DrSc
 Institute of Thermomechanics
 Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
 Dolejskova 5
 182 00 Prague 8
 Czech Republic

 tel: ++4202 6605 3322
 ++4202 8658 8448
 fax: ++4202 8658 4695
 E-mail: marsik@it.cas.cz

 Frantisek MARSIK, Prof., DrSc
 Institute of Thermomechanics
 Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
 Dolejskova 5
 182 00 Prague 8
 Czech Republic

 tel: ++4202 6605 3322
 ++4202 8658 8448
 fax: ++4202 8658 4695
 E-mail: marsik@it.cas.cz



Close

From: Patrik Zima [SMTP:zimap@it.cas.cz]**To:** Brennan, Christopher**Cc:****Subject:** Re: a query - PhD defence, Prague**Sent:** 3/10/03 7:27 AM**Importance:** Normal

Dear Prof. Brennan:

I definitely recommend La Boheme in National Theatre. I have made a reservation for you and your wife for Friday, 7pm. The performance takes 2,5 hours and the price is 2 x 950 CZK = 2 x 35 USD. I have chosen the best seats for you (ground floor, 8th row, most expensive). If you would like to change or cancel the reservation I can do it just let me know.

I am very pleased that you are interested in historical sights. Prague is rich in history and I am sure you will be busy during your short visit just walking and looking around. The historical centre is enormous and well preserved as a result of not being bombed during World War II.

1) The main attraction to visitors is the architecture itself and I doubt that it can be seen in less than a week. You can find a very fine selection of the most spectacular places at

<http://www.czechbyclick.com/regions/01prague/places/index.cfm> (most items have a virtual tour and the site has a very rich photo gallery). Apart from the sights you can find on this site I recommend the Waldstein Garden.

2) Prague is the cultural capital of central Europe, it is famous for its countless museums and galleries. I personally like the Waldstein riding school and the amazing Veletrzni Palace (Fairs Palace) where you can find paintings by famous painters including (please see <http://www.ngprague.cz/main.php?language=en>).

3) Prague is the city of music as well. There are numerous music clubs with live music such as jazz and blues clubs. A professor from Taiwan who visited us last year spent all his nights in jazz clubs, circulating as many of them as possible. An interesting performance is the Krizik's singing fountain in the Exhibition Place.

4) Prague is famous for glass shops and crystal and garnet jewelry are the most common souvenirs that tourist bring from Prague. Also famous are marionettes and puppets.

5) Although the Czechs are not a "gastronomically advanced" nation, we are very proud of our beer (both words Pilsner and Budweiser are names of Czech breweries) - please visit <http://archiv.radio.cz/beer/> Another famous

<http://starfish.caltech.edu/exchange/forms/IPM/NOTE/read.asp?command=open&obj=000...> 3/10/2003

[CZECH OPERA SERVER](#)
 [TICKETS ON LINE](#)
 [PRAGUE HOTELS](#)
 [CZECH & MORAVIAN WINE](#)
 [CLASSICAL CD](#)
[CONTACT](#)
[opera in prague](#)
 •
[opera in bohemia](#)
 •
[opera in moravia](#)
 •
[opera singers](#)



DON'T MISS
 Opera Gala Evening
 at Emmy Destinn Hall
 of Kaiserstein Palace more
[info](#)

March ▾ 2003 ▾
 Go
 << >>

[view basket](#)



NATIONAL THEATRE



ESTATES THEATRE



STATE OPERA



KAISERSTEIN PALACE

26th MARCH
Wednesday

OPERA: THE MAGIC
 FLUTE
 Mozart
 Starting hour: 19:00
 Price: EUR 49

[Book now](#)

RIGOLETTO
 Verdi
 Starting hour: 19:00
 Price: EUR 56

[Book now](#)

27th MARCH
Thursday

OPERA: DER MEERGEUSE
 - PREMIERE
 Fr. Škroup
 Starting hour: 19:00
 Price: EUR 80

[Book now](#)

DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE
 Mozart
 Starting hour: 19:00
 Price: EUR 56

[Book now](#)

28th MARCH
Friday

OPERA: LA BOHÉME
 Puccini
 Starting hour: 19:00
 Price: EUR 45

[Book now](#)

CARMEN
 Bizet
 Starting hour: 19:00
 Price: EUR 56

[Book now](#)

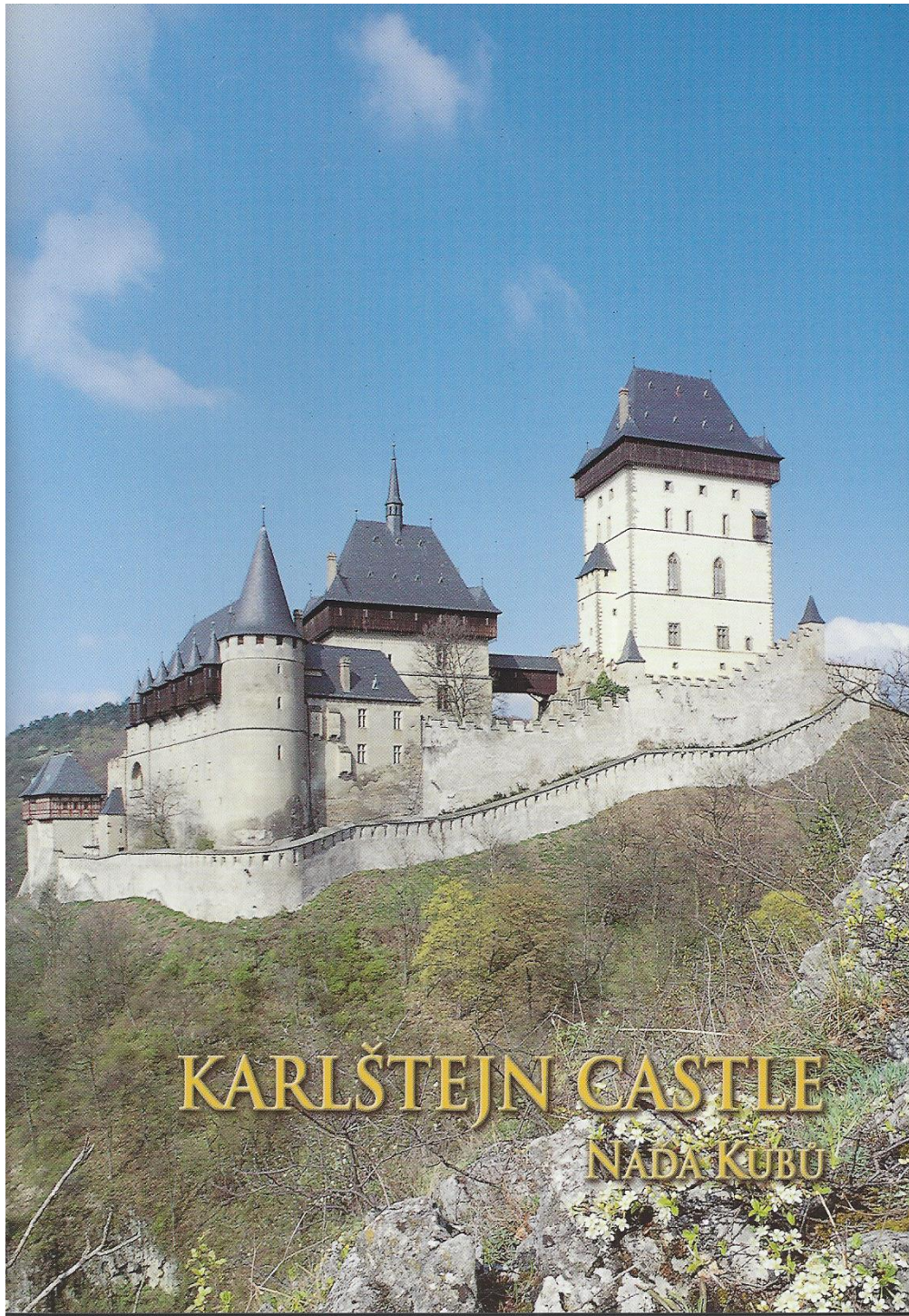
OPERA: LA TRAVIATA

BALLET: SONGS OF THE EARTH

LA TRAVIATA

<http://www.ticketsonline.cz/main.asp>

3/7/2003



KARLŠTEJN CASTLE
NADA KUBU



Aerial view of the castle.

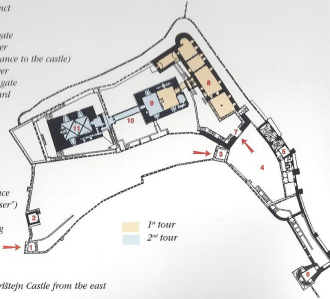
Plan of the castle precinct

Lower Castle

1. The present first gate
2. The Urvallin Tower (the original entrance to the castle)
3. The "Clock" tower above the second gate
4. The main courtyard
5. The Burggrave's Residence
6. The castle wall and its ancillary buildings

Upper Castle

7. The third gate
8. The Imperial Palace
9. The Marian ("Lesser") Tower
10. The bridge linking the towers
11. The Great Tower



Title page - View of Karlštejn Castle from the east



1. Karlštejn Castle at the end of the 18th century. A 1797 view of Karlštejn by A. Pucherna, from the castle collections.

The Bohemian King and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV left an enduring mark on the history not only of the Kingdom of Bohemia but of Europe as whole, not least in the form of grand foundations that included the University in Prague and the Prague New Town, and above all Karlštejn (Karlstein) Castle. Even today this monumental structure stands as a tribute to Charles IV as its founder and builder, and still bears his name.

This castle, both strong and beautiful, served as a treasury, a flourishing craft centre, and the sacred repository of the crown jewels, the symbols of state power. While, as one of the most important monuments in Bohemia, it has been described thus by a series of past and contemporary historians, it is perhaps best done justice by the chronicler Beneš Krabice of Weitmile, who lived during Charles' reign. He wrote: *'Across the whole wide world there is neither castle nor chapel that is such a precious work, and justly so, for within it the Emperor has barbour'd the Imperial insignia and treasures from his whole kingdom.'*

Following its foundation in 1348, the importance of Karlštejn grew year by year with the furtherance of building work, and as Charles brought together within it a broad range of rare and precious objects, primarily valuable reliquaries. Only later were the Imperial Treasure and crown jewels, received by Charles in 1350, deposited alongside them. Karlštejn thus became not only the



Karlštejn Castle



Karlštejn Castle





Karlstein Castle

[*Back to table of contents*](#)

*Last updated 7/30/99.
Christopher E. Brennen*