

**The Olive Odysseys**  
**Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast**  
By Land & By Sea  
with Prague & Budapest  
September 3-15 2018

**Day Two September 4**  
**Prague, Czech Republic**

*We are up early for coffee before our stroll to the astronomical clock and a trip down to the Charles Bridge. We will be able to get some great pictures as we take in this bridge that has been taking people across the Vltava River for over 600 years. We will return to our hotel for a leisurely breakfast.*

*Our guided walk of Prague starts mid morning. We'll take in the highlights of this great city and all it has to offer including the Hradcany Castle, the Cathedral, and the beautiful winding streets of Prague.*

*The rest of the day is yours. Maybe you would like to see the *The Průhonice Park* or other sites? We will be on hand to get you there! Dinner on your own tonight. Maybe you would like to experience a traditional Czech beer hall (some people claim that Pilsener is the best Czech invention ever). We'll be on hand for recommendations for the best beer halls to be had.*

*Astronomical Clock & the Charles Bridge/ Breakfast/ Guided walk of Prague/ Overnight Prague/ [UNESCO World Heritage Site \(the Historic Centre of Prague\)](#).*

Prague's Astronomical Clock, also locally known by *Orloj*, is possibly the most famous medieval clock in the world. It was built in 1410 by clockmaker Mikulas of Kandan and mathematics and astronomy professor Jan Sindel, and later perfected by master clockmaker Jan Taborsky in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. This precious structure is located in the town hall building and consists of three parts: the astronomical dial, Josef Manés' calendar dial and the animated figures of the Apostles. In 2018, the clock was taken down for restoration and is slated to be back in service before October.

St. Charles Bridge, or *Karlův most*, one of the most beautiful monuments of the medieval city of Prague. In addition to its architectural value, 15<sup>th</sup> century's St. Charles Bridge has become a major tourist attraction due to the great atmosphere of activities, live music and the panorama of Prague Castle and the old town. A place surrounded by legends and mystery, the bridge is guarded by one medieval tower on each end, different from one another, and by more than 30 baroque statues across the bridge on both sides, that depict saints and Bohemian patrons.

Undoubtedly, beer is considered by Czechs as the national beverage. Cheap and diverse, it is crafted and brewed in many varieties, such as dark, clear, or amber. Overall, the Czech Republic is home to more than 470 types of world-known beer, so it does not come as a surprise that talking about beer is serious business for Czechs. There are even some claims that beer was indeed invented in this country. Some of Prague's well known breweries and beer halls are more than 500 years old.

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