

# Summer Program in the Czech Republic: Cross-Cultural Pathways for Young Leaders

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Cross-Cultural Pathways is a summer program in the Czech Republic for students aged 16-22 who are interested in studying abroad, connecting with the culture of the Czech Republic, and exploring leadership skills through a cross-cultural approach.

**Program  
Dates:  
July 14th-  
23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Program  
Locations:  
Prague,  
Ostrava, Hradec  
Kralove, Brno**

**Program  
Fee:  
1,450,-USD  
+ travel expenses**

*\*some scholarships available.  
Contact us for more details*

***Application Deadline: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

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All young leaders will  
receive a one-year paid  
membership from NCSML



## Program Highlights:

### Czech Language, Culture, and History (4 days):

- Kickstart your experience with a Czech language crash course. Dive deep into Czech culture, modern design, and architecture through the eyes of local students.
- Reflect on pivotal historical lessons about totalitarianism, the Holocaust, and the struggles of minority groups. Discover the richness of Czech cities Prague, Brno, Hradec, and Ostrava from a student's perspective.

### Cross-Cultural Leadership (1 day):

- Focus on a Czech-American comparative team project (similar to college coursework).
- Engage in discussions on Czech-American relations with diplomats from both nations.
- Explore global challenges in a local context during a visit to the United Nations Office in Prague.
- Build cross-cultural skills and leadership abilities through a transformative workshop.

### What's it like to study at Czech universities? (2 days of tours):

- Introduction to possibilities of studying for free at Czech universities with specific Czech language competency levels.
- Tailored visits to universities outside Prague, based on your interests.
- Meet the leadership and students from the prestigious Charles University, Czech Technical University of Brno, Hradec Králové University, and Ostrava University, and have fun in Prague, Brno, Hradec, or Ostrava!

### Program Instructors:

- Šárka Boušková, Ph.D. (Czech Language and Modern History)
- Eva Janebová, Ph.D (International Relations)
- Lenka Polánková, Ph.D. (Empowerment and Leadership)
- Mgr. Jana Ter-Akopow Čemusová (Cross-Cultural Studies)
- Renáta Tichá, Ph.D. (Cultural Heritage)

### Guest Speakers:

- Jaroslav Kantůrek (former diplomat to the USA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- US Embassy Representative Representative of the United Nations in Prague

### University students and leadership you will meet:

- Leona Stašová, Vice Rector of Hradec Králové
- Lenka Henebergová, Member of Rector's Board at Charles University
- Karolína Gondková, Strategy Director Czech Technical University
- Renata Tomášková, Vice Rector Ostrava University Students of architecture from Czech Technical University

### Czech student buddies: from gymnasium Memory of the Nation

- Travel together in Prague
- Participate in workshops and afternoon activities with American students
- Speak Czech and English and make friends in the Czech Republic

### Accommodation:

Charles University Hotel Krystal and dormitories in Ostrava and Hradec

### Classroom Venue:

Vila Hřebenka, Praha 5,  
New York University in Prague



### Schedule:

1. Online Orientation in June: Introduction to the program, logistics, presentations by university Vice Rectors for participants to make informed decisions about which universities to visit
2. Program in Prague: July 14-23, 2025

***Note: The curriculum is subject to minor modifications. The minimum number of participants required is ten, while the maximum is seventeen.***

### Summer Program Fee: \$1,450

#### What is included:

- Lunch and dinner every day plus Welcome Dinner in Strahov Cloister
- Breakfast at the accommodation
- Accommodation in Charles University Hotel Krystal, in Ostrava/Brno, and Hradec University dormitories for international students
- Curriculum/programming Chaperoning 24/7 by Dr. Eva Janebová; additional chaperoning by Dr. Renáta Tichá
- Social activities: Boat trip ticket and bicycle tour of Prague
- Airport transit to/from the hotel Travel costs within Prague Travel costs to Hradec Králové, to Ostrava/Brno, and back to Prague
- Public Project Presentation refreshments

#### What is not included:

- Airfare to Prague

***There is a limited number of scholarships available by co-sponsoring organizations. Contact [institute@miic.world](mailto:institute@miic.world) for more information.***

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday, 14.7	<p><b>Introduction and Welcome to Summer School</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to cross-cultural team projects</b></p> <p><b>Student life in the Czech Republic</b></p>	<p><b>Cross-cultural workshop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase your ability to recognize and bridge cultural gaps and overcome challenges in heterogeneous environments.</li> <li>• Empower yourself with drama techniques to become leaders and drivers of change.</li> </ul> <p><b>Walking tour of Prague</b></p> <p>Visit the ministry of foreign affairs, Petrin, and Prague Castle</p>	<p><b>Welcome Dinner</b></p> <p>Strahov Cloister (Parents, friends welcome, self-funded)</p>
Tuesday, 15.7	<p><b>Czech Crash Course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Basic Communication Skills</li> <li>• Enable students to use basic Czech phrases and sentences in everyday situations.</li> <li>• Foster Cultural Understanding</li> <li>• Introduce Czech cultural norms, traditions, and social etiquette to facilitate effective communication.</li> <li>• Build Confidence in Language Use</li> <li>• Encourage active participation and instill confidence in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Czech.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Visit of Karolinum</b></p> <p><b>Discussion with IRO introducing Charles University and studying at CU</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion: Czech Diplomatic Relations Abroad and Cultural diplomacy Leadership (14:30-16:00)</b></p>	
Wed. 16.7	<p><b>Czech History in Outlines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand Key Historical Developments</li> <li>• Gain an overview of major periods and events in Czech history, from early settlement to modern times.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Free time and shopping with Czech buddies</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop critical thinking</li> <li>• Recognize Historical Continuity and Change</li> <li>• Explore how historical events and cultural developments have shaped Czech society and identity.</li> <li>• Analyze the causes, impacts, and interconnections of significant historical events within the Czech lands.</li> <li>• Appreciate Cultural Heritage</li> </ul> <p>Understand the role of Czech history in the broader European context and its influence on national culture and identity.</p>	<p><b>Project Consultations</b></p> <p><b>Modern Prague Architecture and CVUT Arts and Design</b></p> <p>Architecture tour of Prague through the eyes of students of architecture</p>	
Thur. 17.7	<p><b>Czech Communities around the Globe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the Causes of Migration</li> <li>• Examine the historical, political, economic, and social factors that led to Czech emigration.</li> <li>• Explore Cultural Identity Abroad</li> <li>• Analyze how Czech communities maintain their cultural heritage and adapt to life in foreign countries.</li> <li>• Understand the impact of Czech emigrants on the societies they joined and their role in preserving Czech traditions.</li> <li>• Develop an appreciation for the interconnectedness of Czech history, culture, and global migration patterns</li> </ul>	<p><b>Global or Local Issues?</b></p> <p><b>Site visit and discussion in United Nations in Prague</b></p> <p><b>Project Consultations</b></p>	

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Friday, 18.7	<p><b>Travel to Hradec Kralove</b></p> <p><b>Visit University of Hradec Kralove</b></p> <p>Guided tour and discussion with Vice Rector doc. Leona Stašová, PhD., and students will be tailored as per S's interest.</p>	<p><b>Tour of Hradec/Ostrava</b></p> <p>The name literally means “the castle of the queen, one of the oldest and historically most significant Czech cities, celebrating its 800 anniversary</p>	<p><b>Accommodation in Hradec</b></p>
Saturday, 19.7	<p><b>1. Visit of VUT (Brno)</b> <i>or</i> <b>2. Visit of Ostrava University</b></p> <p>Guided tour and discussion with Vice-Rector Renáta Tomášková, PhD., and students will be tailored as per their interests.</p>	<p><b>Tour of Brno/Tour of Ostrava</b></p> <p>A guided tour of the historical City center and the UO new City Campus; a visit to an industrial heritage sight of the visitor's choice: <u>The Landek Park Mining Museum</u>, or <u>Michal Coalmine</u></p>	<p><b>Accommodation in Ostrava/Brno</b></p>
Sunday, 20.7	<p><b>Travel back to Prague</b></p>	<p><i>Free time</i></p>	<p><b>Treasure hunt around Prague with Czech Buddies</b></p>

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday, 21.7	<p><b>Totalitarian Regimes of CR + Pamět' Národa and Czech buddies presentation</b></p> <p>Understand the Nature of Totalitarianism Define the concept of totalitarianism and identify its key characteristics. Analyze Historical Contexts Examine the historical conditions that led to establishing totalitarian regimes in the Czech Republic. Explore the Impact on Society Understand how totalitarian regimes influenced political, social, cultural, and economic life in the Czech Republic.</p>	<p><b>Bicycling trip over Prague/ Boat trip</b></p>	
Tuesday, 22.7	<p><b>Swimming in Šarká with Czech Buddies</b></p>	<p><b>Terezin Workshop</b></p> <p>Exploring Prague through Reflecting on Historical Lessons Evaluate the legacies of totalitarianism and their relevance to modern democratic values and human rights.</p>	
Wed. 23.7	<p><b>Visit the American Center</b></p>	<p><i>Public Presentations of Projects with small refreshments</i></p> <p><i>Parents and friends welcome</i></p> <p><i>Venue: UNYP</i></p>	