

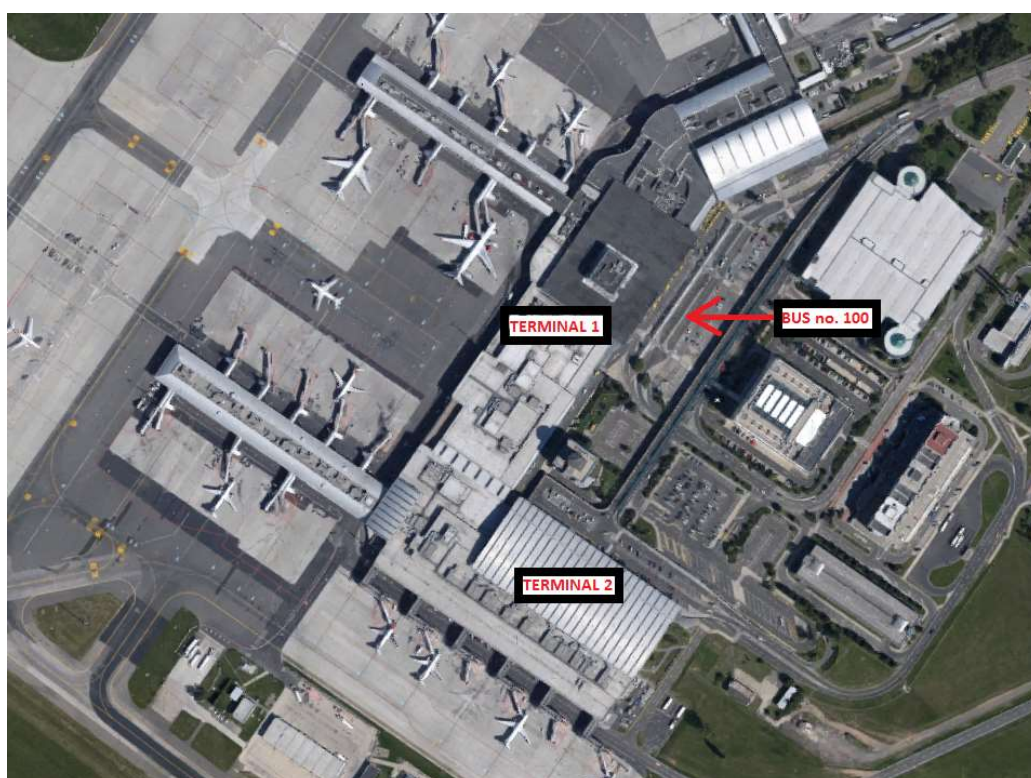
TRAVEL GUIDE

FROM PRAGUE AIRPORT TO BUDWEIS BY BUS

Dear exchange student, you are now holding a brochure that will guide you from the Prague airport to Budweis by bus or by train. The brochure has been created by us, ESN VŠTE Budweis, so we hope that it will be very useful to you. Good luck and we hope to see you soon!

PRAGUE AIRPORT – VACLAV HAVEL AIRPORT PRAGUE

The official name is *Vaclav Havel Airport Prague* (*Letiště Václav Havla* in Czech language). Before 2011, its name was *Prague-Ruzyně*. It has 2 terminals, the first one for flights mostly in the Schengen area or Europe, the second one for the rest. It is approximately 20 kilometres far from the city center.



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TRAVELLING TO BUDWEIS BY REGIOJET BUS

BUS TRANSPORT IN PRAGUE - PUBLIC TRANSPORT

If you go to Budweis by RegioJet BUSES, you will have to go through Prague using public transport – bus.

After collecting your luggage and getting out of the terminal, you have to find a bus stop for a **bus number 191**. It goes straight to the bus station **Na Knížecí**.

Unfortunately, this bus goes only about twice an hour so you can also take a **bus number 100**. It will take you to a line B metro station (yellow).

For the bus, you will need a public transport ticket. We recommend you to buy a 90-min. ticket. It costs **32 CZK** and you can buy it in the terminals (kiosk), from a ticket machine outside or on the bus as well (for 40 CZK). This ticket can be used for all kinds of public transport in the city (bus, tram, subway).

Public transport tickets and passes						
TICKET / PASS TYPE		Adult	Child ^x	Junior	Student ⁺	Senior ^x
Tickets	Basic 90 min.	32 CZK	16 CZK	32 CZK	32 CZK	16 CZK
	Short-term 30 min.	24 CZK	12 CZK	24 CZK	24 CZK	12 CZK
	1 day 24 hrs.	110 CZK	55 CZK	110 CZK	110 CZK	55 CZK
	3 days 72 hrs.	310 CZK	•	310 CZK	310 CZK	•
	Purchased from the driver 90 min.	40 CZK	20 CZK	40 CZK	40 CZK	20 CZK

METRO – METRO STATION ZLIČÍN (LINE B, YELLOW)

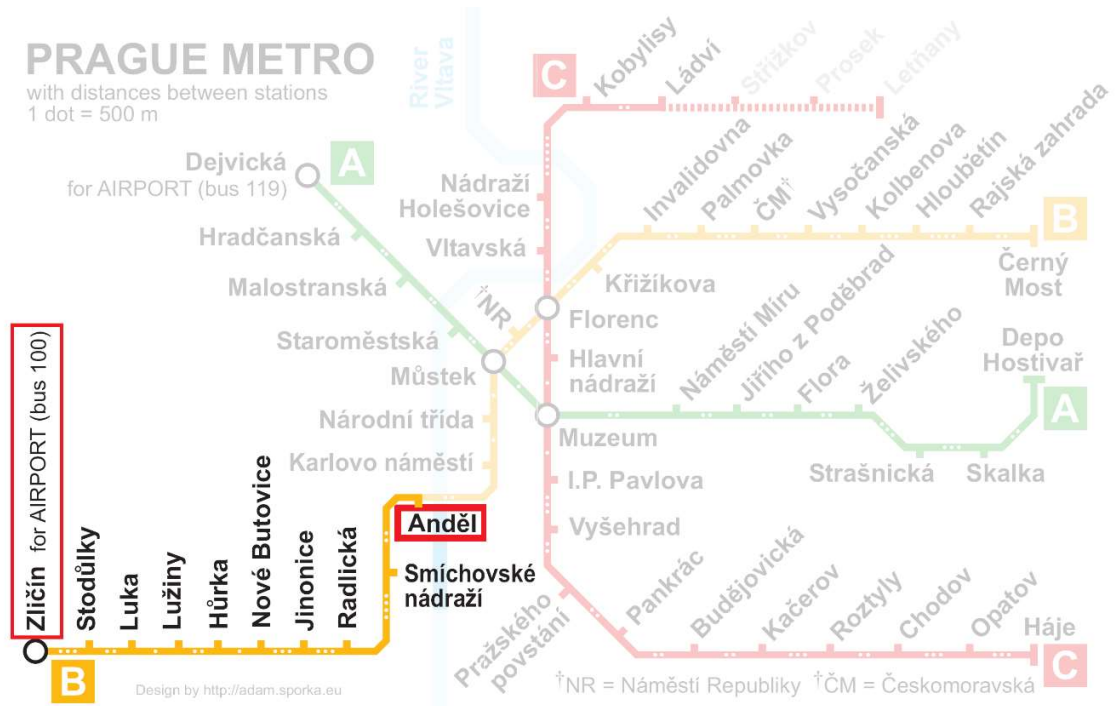
After getting off the bus no. 100, you can enter the metro system. **Zličín metro station** is the last stop of the line B, so there is only one direction that you can go - **Černý most**.

You don't need another ticket in case you are still in the 90 minutes period, which, if there are not any problems with traffic, you should be. If there are, you'd better buy another ticket.

It's about 9 stops by the subway all the way to the **Anděl metro station**. When you arrive to Anděl, find your way out by using the signs „Na Knížecí“ - that is the bus station from where the RegioJet buses departure.

PRAGUE METRO

with distances between stations
1 dot = 500 m



BUS STATION - NA KNÍŽECÍ

At the bus station, search for the **platform 1**. The RegioJet buses are easy to find, because they are all yellow.

RegioJet bus stewards always speak English, so your communication from now on should be easier. They will want to see the bus ticket number, maybe your name and Identity card (or passport). After that you will be allowed to take your seat. Transportation of your luggage is included in the ticket price so don't worry, you don't need to pay for it.



HOW TO BOOK A SEAT ON A BUS

Go to this website: <https://jizdenky.regiojet.cz/?0>

Fill in from „Praha“ to „České Budějovice“. The ticket costs 165 CZK; unfortunately, there are no student tickets. After clicking on SEARCH you will see how many seats are available on each bus. Then you choose a seat which you want and which is available (the green ones). You have to pay the ticket in 30 minutes after choosing it.

NOTE: You have to buy a ticket for a specific departure time so if your flight is delayed and you know you won't be able to catch your bus, you can cancel your ticket or change it no later than 15 minutes before the bus leaves!



BUDWEIS - MERCURY CENTRUM

In Budweis, the bus station is located on the roof of the Mercury shopping centre. Your bus will arrive there. This is the place where you should meet your buddy.

They will help you get to school using public transport or a taxi, depending on the time of your arrival.



TRAVELLING TO BUDWEIS BY TRAIN

PUBLIC TRANSPORTAT

If you go to Budweis by train, you will have to go by public transport to the **Hlavní Nádraží** (which means the main station) metro station. You have more options how to get there.

The easiest way is to take **AE** bus (airport express) which goes straight to the **Hlavní Nádraží**. It costs 60 CZK.



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Another option is to take a **bus number 119** and at the Divoká Šárka bus stop you'll change to a **tram number 26** (in the same direction) and go to the **Hlavní nádraží tram stop**. The Main Station will be behind you (about 3-minute walk).

The last option is to take a **bus number 119** to **Veleslavín** where there is line A (green one). Go from **Veleslavín** to **Muzeum** (in the direction of **Depo Hostivař**) and change to the line C (red one) from the **Muzeum** to the **Hlavní nádraží metro station** (it is just one stop, in the Letňany direction). It looks a bit more complicated but the metro station is situated just in the middle of the Main station building so you don't need to worry about not being able to find it or walk too far carrying your luggage.

HOW TO BOOK A SEAT ON THE TRAIN

You can buy your ticket:

- via internet: <https://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm> from **Praha hl.n.** to **České Budějovice**. Choose the exact hour, it's not the same as for buses. You can take whichever train you want. You don't need to reserve a seat, just buy the ticket, which costs 169 CZK.
- in the building of the Main Station. The price is the same.

Then you can watch the big board ODJEZDY (DEPARTURES) where you can find the number of the platform the train leaves from.

There are many different trains, we recommend you to take an Express train (it takes Express trains only 2 hours to get from Prague to České Budějovice. (On the websites, they are marked **Ex**. Other trains are marked red.)



Your buddy will pick you up at the Budweis train station.



DICTIONARY:

Prague - Praha

Budweis - České Budějovice (use both words, ceske means bohemian, Czech - not specific, there are also Moravské Budějovice in the Czech Republic)

airport - letiště

bus - autobus

subway, metro – metro

Main Station – Hlavní nádraží

train - vlak

left – vlevo, levý

right – vpravo, pravý

straight ahead - rovně

turn back – vrátit se zpět, obrátit se

one ticket, please - jeden lístek, prosím

How much does it cost? - Kolik to stojí?

How can I get to...? - Kudy se dostanu na...?

luggage - zavazadlo

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

European Emergency Number - **112**

Police - **158**

Ambulance - **155**

Firefighters - **150**

Last information: For the information on buses, trains and public transport timetables, please visit:

<http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>

Click on **Select timetable** and you will see the transportation options

NOTE You will find other transport services providers on this route from Praha to České Budějovice, but we do not really recommend them based on our own experience. Please, if possible, try to take the suggested ones.

Have a nice journey and we hope to see you soon!

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