

Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic

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Rates: \$498-\$2,783 (USD)

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Year Renovated: 2009
Check in Time: 3:00 PM
Check out Time: 12:00 PM
Number of Floors: 4
Total Number of Rooms: 101
General Manager: Mario Egger

STAR Rating: ★★★★★

Amenity Rating: ✓✓✓✓✓



Location and History

Situated in the Lesser Town (or Mala Strana) quarter, this top-tier boutique-hotel is a luxury redoubt that pins together a refined character. The high ceilings and grand courtyard entrance prepare you for the peaceful sojourn that awaits you inside.

It is about 30 minutes by taxi from Prague's Vaclav Havel Airport, and access to the subway and other public transport systems is nearby. The hotel can be a bit hard to find as it is on a narrow road that is shared with a streetcar.

It is within walking distance of Prague's commercial district, embassies, shopping areas, entertainment facilities and key historical sites, such as the Charles Bridge and Wallenstein Gardens, where classical open-air concerts are held.

The hotel was created from a complex of seven buildings, five of them historic structures, including a 13th-century St. Thomas Monastery. In fact, the monastery is still working (the hotel rents some of the buildings from the Holy See), and four Augustinian monks live there. When there is interest, one of the monks can lead hotel guests on a tour of the normally closed sections of the monastery. Architectural features include cloistered terraces, wooden ceilings, stone arches, wine vaults and original doors with ornamental ironworks.

Property Overview

No wallflower, this place is a pinnacle of refinement with signature contemporary decor that stands out in a city with no shortage of world-class interior design. It also provides its guests with a bucolic escape that is a sensational added perk.

A tranquil courtyard entrance leads to the ethereal lobby, which welcomes guests with lots of seating underneath the glass ceiling hung with a beautiful Bohemian chandelier. The flickering fireplace provides a homey touch.

Designer Olga Polizzi (Rocco Forte's sister) incorporated fabrics, customized hues and materials appropriate to the monastic setting, and also honors period Czech designs such as cubism and art nouveau. Czech craftspeople using traditional methods restored much of the original timber, and the designers made extensive use of local materials.

Scattered throughout hallways are old black-and-white photographs of the Augustinian monks. Archaeological excavation revealed stalactites, and these have been incorporated in the design of the grotto bar. A former water source and pool have been excavated and covered with a glass floor. The well in the middle of the garden is the second oldest in Prague.

The Augustine Restaurant, a brasserie-style venue located in a lovely winter-garden setting, is elegant yet casual and carries out into a lovely courtyard during the warmer months.

The Refectory, a former dining hall of Augustine monks, now serves as the hotel bar. Guests can enjoy original 19th-century frescoes while they sip on contemporary custom-made cocktails or wind back time with a St. Thomas beer that still uses their famous 14th-century recipe.



The unique meeting space resides in an evocative barrel-vaulted hall that features original 17th-century stalactites.

In the spa, guests have access to four treatment rooms, a hammam offering special heat treatments (the only one in Prague), the St. Thomas Beer Body Ritual, a steam room, relaxation area and a fully-equipped, 24-hour gym. The spa exudes privacy and tranquility, and water in pitchers holding energizing minerals is available for guests.

Accommodations

Elevators lined with gray marble and dark metal doors lead to guest rooms and suites (which all vary in size and layout) that show deeply rooted elegance and are among the most luxurious in Prague. Color schemes vary between green and lavender (in honor of the papal colors) and gray and orange, and all rooms feature reproductions of famed Czech furnishings, art, graphics and decorative items.



Most rooms have hardwood floors, exposed ceiling beams and separate walk-in showers. Fabrics are luxurious, and bedding is imported Frette. Suites add TVs over the tubs, and all rooms have towel warmers, robes, slippers and fine toiletries. Signature suites feature working fireplaces.

The Presidential Suite is a spacious 1,615 sq ft. The Tower Suite, located in the original monastery, is laid out on three floors and incorporates a living room, a bedroom with rooftop views, and a bath with freestanding tub and large, walk-in shower. This suite, which is among Prague's finest hotel rooms, is a favorite with visiting celebrities. Both suites afford panoramic views of Prague, the city's main cathedral, the monastery's chapel and the

courtyard.

Nonstandard Amenities

Wi-Fi is free throughout. Room service stops at midnight, and turndown and twice-daily housekeeping service bolster this hotel's deluxe standings.

Advisor Notes

The Augustine offers a beautiful location, top-notch service and perhaps the city's most luxurious accommodations for steep prices.

Comparable Properties

It is smaller than the Four Seasons, vying with the superlative Mandarin Oriental for the honor of most beautiful garden-hotel.

Those who appreciate luxury and the historical ambiance but prefer to seek a bit more of a respite from the tourist traffic might consider the Mandarin Oriental.

Latest Revision: November 2019

Basic Information

Year Renovated: 2009
Number of Floors: 4
Number of Rooms: 101
Chain: The Luxury Collection
Chain Website: <https://the-luxury-collection.marriott.com>

Rates & Policies

Rates are Daily in USD
Standard: \$498-\$624 - approx 32 sq m
Suite: \$675-\$2,783 - approx 42 sq m
Meals: Continental Plan
Cancellation Policy: 24 hrs in advance until 18 'clock

Credit Cards Are Accepted
Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card

Location

Located by the famous Charles Bridge. Tourist.
Nearest Airports:
Vaclav Havel- 15 mi, 20 Min drive
Nearby Points of Interest:
Czech Parliament & Senate
Wallenstein Gardens
Charles Bridge

Restaurants On-Site

Dining: 1 restaurant and 1 bar On Site

Augustine Restaurant (European inspired dishes)
Refectory Bar (Bar menu)
St Thomas Brewery Bar (International cuisine)

Room Amenities

(Amenities are in all rooms unless noted otherwise)

Air Conditioning
Cable/Satellite Television
Coffeemaker
Daily Maid Service
Free Newspaper
Microwave Oven (some)
Refrigerator
Rooms for Non-smokers
Telephone

Recreation

NEARBY

Golf Course
Shopping Mall/Area

ON-SITE

Health Club
Health Spa/Massage

Hotel Facilities

GENERAL SERVICES

Laundry/Dry Cleaning Service
Multi-lingual Staff
Paid Onsite Parking
Room Service
Wheelchair Access to
Common/Public Areas

BUSINESS SERVICES

Business Center
Copier
Fax
Meeting Facilities

PET AMENITIES

Additional Fee for Pets
Pets Allowed

Meetings Facilities

6 Meeting Rooms holding 302 people.
4,635 sq ft of Meeting Space
469 sq m of Exhibit Space

Monastic Room

Location: Floor 1, Flooring: Wood
Capacity: Theater- 144, Classroom- 105, U-Shape- 55, Reception- 200, Banquet- 130

Michael

Location: Floor 1, Flooring: carpeted
Capacity: Theater- 40, Classroom- 20, U-Shape- 20, Reception- 40, Banquet- 32

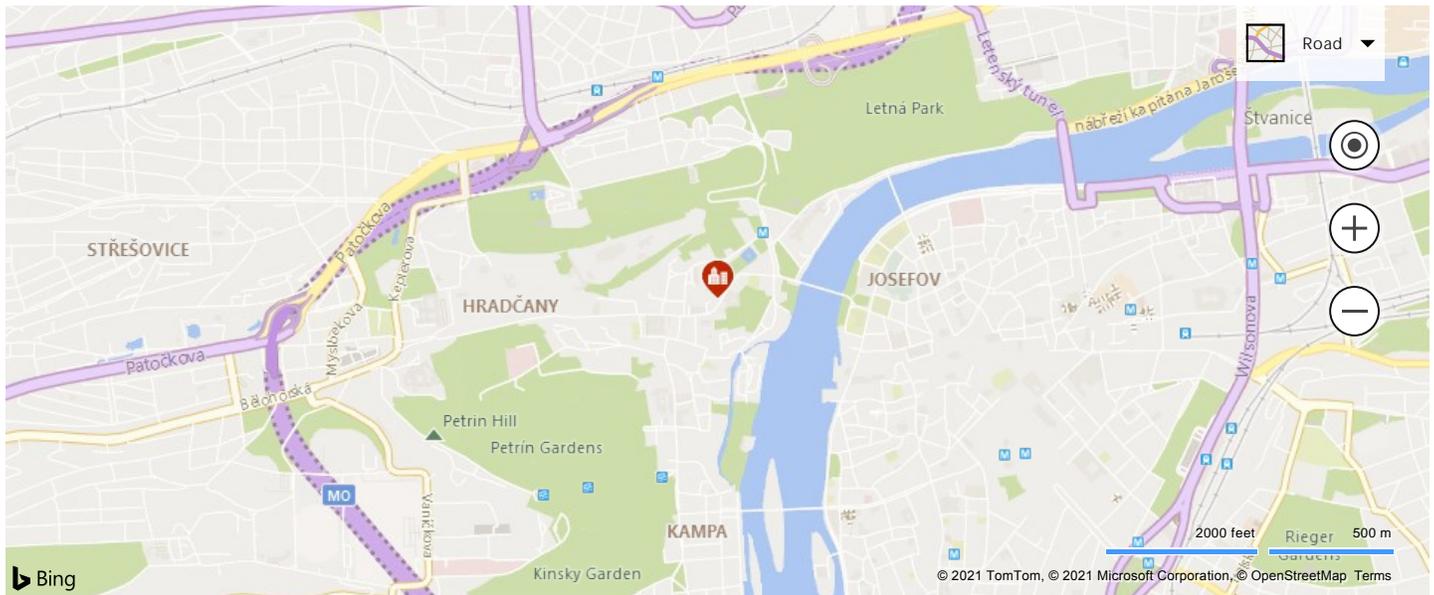
Gabriel

Location: Floor 1, Flooring: Wood
Capacity: Theater- 18, Classroom- 12, U-Shape- 12, Reception- 20, Banquet- 16

Rafael

Location: Floor 1, Flooring: Wood
Capacity: Theater- 40, Classroom- 24, U-Shape- 20, Reception- 40, Banquet- 32

Hotel Map & Neighborhood



Four Seasons Hotel Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

Vešslavinova 1098/2A
Prague, Czech Republic

Rates: \$653-\$2,819 (USD)

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Web: <http://www.fourseasons.com/prague>
[COVID-19 Policies](#)

Year Renovated: 2010
Check in Time: 3:00 PM
Check out Time: 12:00 PM
Number of Floors: 7
Total Number of Rooms: 161
General Manager: Rene Beauchamp

STAR Rating: ★★★★★

Amenity Rating: ✓✓✓✓✓



Location and History

This hotel on the banks of the Vltava River weaves an elaborate web of modern luxury anchored in a trio of historic buildings turned in classical, Renaissance and baroque styles. The oldest of the structures dates to 1737.

Property Overview

This is without a doubt the most luxurious hotel in Bohemia, though its size can dampen the mood, spanning four connected buildings.

The property is decked out handsomely with a blend of period and present-day cosmopolitan flair. Arrivals enter an elegant, modern foyer ornamented with glass art pieces and dramatic floral arrangements. Works by noted Czech artists adorn the public areas. Guests can relax

in stylish environs on sofas in the lobby or in the popular piano bar.

The exceedingly popular CottoCrudo restaurant serves traditional dishes and is complemented by a live cooking station. A sommelier oversees an impressive cellar. Sharp Milanese design provides the backdrop for lunch and dinner, but the preferred spot is the lovely terrace in fair weather.

Accommodations

Guest rooms are dazzling contemporary showcases that carefully tie in the buildings' beautiful original detail. In most rooms, guests find bold Regency-stripped accent walls, valanced floor-to-ceiling drapes, bold patterned carpeting and sleek dark-stained angular furnishings. More attractive are the upgraded units with boiseries.

Color schemes are used with subtlety, and trademark Four Seasons beds are piled high with linens, pillows and fluffy duvets.

In all, desks are large, minibars are stocked, and safes are roomy enough for laptop computers. Flat-screen TVs are in all. Marble-clad combination baths are fitted with deep tubs, and separate WCs and oversized towels.

Measuring in at about 375 sq ft, Superior rooms are only slightly larger than the standard rooms, the latter tucked into uninteresting corners of secondary buildings. Nearly 30% larger, the Deluxe rooms are worth the uptick for those in need of more space.

River View rooms have an understated modern elegance that forgo the bold Regency stripes in lieu of a historic-leaning style accented in earth tones. Some travelers bypass these large, scenic rooms for the unique and opulently decorated Renaissance rooms, which display exceptional eclecticism. The Renaissance rooms (with dusty blue and gray colors) are filled with modern and antique fashions blended with intoxicating effects; painted wood detailing, chandeliers, high ceilings and large windows are among the highlights.

Many rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows. The best of these afford views of the river and Prague Castle, a lovely sight when illuminated at night. Two Premier suites feature a wet bar, a dining table for six, two baths and—as they are corner units—unobstructed river views from two different angles.



Nonstandard Amenities

The 24-hour room service is wonderfully prompt and courteous. Turndown and twice-daily housekeeping are available.

Advisor Notes

This hotel does a good job of disguising its commercial tendencies, but occasionally its corporate cup runneth over.

The hotel's location beside the river is both a boon and a bother; flooding has been known to affect this property, but this hasn't been a significant problem since the early 2000s.

Reconstructed with businesspeople in mind, this striking aristocrat serves the leisure class with equal confidence.

Comparable Properties

Even with the commercial overtones, this is a landmark of hospitality that flexes its formidable attributes alongside the smaller but equally impressive Mandarin Oriental. The palatine little Hotel Augustine is not far behind, though some prefer the latter for its exquisite garden and more intimate vibe.

Subtler than the mad Milanese palace that is Carlo IV, both the Mandarin Oriental and Augustine offer similar refinements in a more petite package. Nevertheless, the Four Seasons leads the pack in personalized and attentive service, and you can't beat the view and location.

Latest Revision: November 2019

Basic Information

Year Renovated: 2010
Number of Floors: 7
Number of Rooms: 161
Chain: Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
Chain Website:
<http://www.fourseasons.com>

Rates & Policies

Rates are Daily in USD
Standard: \$653-\$1,295 - approx 33 sq m
Suite: \$1,573-\$2,819 - approx 75 sq m
Meals: No Meals Included
Deposit Policy: No deposit required for individual reservations up to 6 double rooms
Cancellation Policy: By 6:00pm one day prior to arrival
Restrictions: no smoking, small pets allowed

Credit Cards Are Accepted
Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card

Location

In Prague, 146 km from Dresden. Alsovo Nabrezi. Vltava River bank, Old Town, historical and business city center. Airport, Highway.

Nearest Airports:
Vaclav Havel- 15 km East, 20 min drive

Nearby Points of Interest:
Prague Castle (Historic Quarter)- 500 mtr to the West
Old Town Square (Historic City Center)- 200 mtr to the East
Charles Bridge (Pedestrian Bridge)- 100 mtr to the South

Restaurants On-Site

Dining: 1 restaurant and 1 bar On Site

Allegro (Italian, International Cuisine, one Michelin Star)
Allegro Bar

Room Amenities

(Amenities are in all rooms unless noted otherwise)

Air Conditioning
Balcony/Terrace (some)
Cable/Satellite Television
Coffeemaker (some)
Daily Maid Service
DVD/VCR (some)
Free Newspaper
Mini-Bar
Refrigerator
Rooms for Non-smokers
Safe (In Room)
Telephone
Television
Voicemail

Recreation

NEARBY

Bicycling
Boating/Sailing
Casino
Fishing
Game Room
Golf Course
Horseback Riding
Jogging Trails
Pool (Children's Pool, Indoor Pool, Outdoor Pool)
Shopping Mall/Area
Tennis (Indoor Tennis, Outdoor Tennis)

ON-SITE

Health Club
Health Spa/Massage

Hotel Facilities

GENERAL SERVICES

Babysitting/Child Care
Car Rental
Children/Teen Programs
Concierge Services
Crib/Rollaway Bed
Gift Shop
Laundry/Dry Cleaning Service
Multi-lingual Staff
Paid Onsite Parking
Room Service
Wheelchair Access to
Common/Public Areas

BUSINESS SERVICES

Administrative Services
A-V Equipment
Business Center
Copier
Fax
Meeting Facilities
Personal Computer

PET AMENITIES

Pet Amenities Available, Pet
Services Available, Size Limit of
15 lbs
Pets Allowed

SECURITY

Electronic Key/Lock
Parking Area Well Lit
Smoke Alarm in Rooms
Sprinkler in Rooms
Surveillance Cameras On Site
Uniformed Security
Valet Parking Service

Meetings Facilities

9 Meeting Rooms holding 424 people.
7,599 sq ft of Meeting Space

Karel Ballroom

1,905 sq m
Capacity: Theater- 180, Classroom- 108, U-Shape- 48, Reception- 200, Banquet- 140

Karel B

970 sq m
Capacity: Theater- 80, Classroom- 48, U-Shape- 27, Reception- 80, Banquet- 50

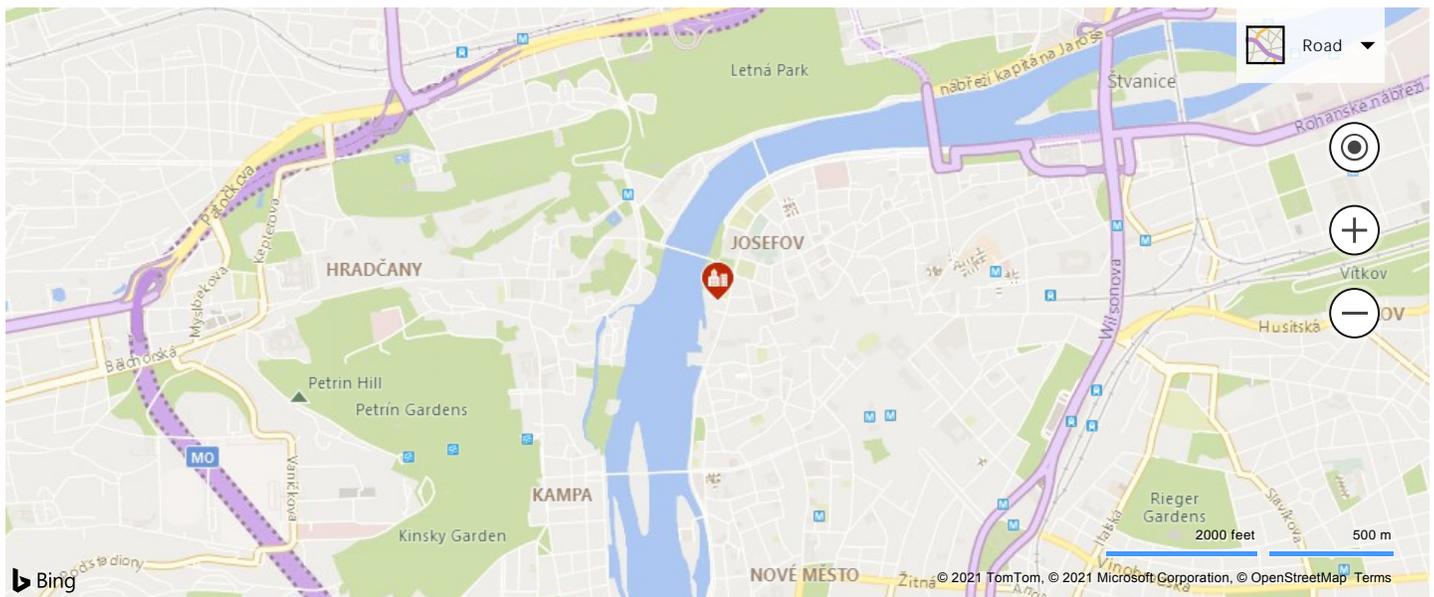
Karel A

940 sq m
Capacity: Theater- 80, Classroom- 48, U-Shape- 27, Reception- 80, Banquet- 50

Eliska

670 sq m
Capacity: Theater- 50, Classroom- 36, U-Shape- 24, Reception- 65, Banquet- 40

Hotel Map & Neighborhood



Mandarin Oriental, Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

Nebovidska 459/1
Prague, Czech Republic

Rates: \$499-\$1,952 (USD)

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Web: <http://www.mandarinoriental.com/prague>
[COVID-19 Policies](#)

Year Renovated: 2006
Check in Time: 3:00 PM
Check out Time: 12:00 PM
Number of Floors: 5
Total Number of Rooms: 99
General Manager: Werner Anzinger

STAR Rating: ★★★★★

Amenity Rating: 🍷🍷🍷🍷



Location and History

Dating from the 14th century, this restored Renaissance-era Dominican abbey represents, along with the Four Seasons, the top of the top, overshadowing even the Augustine. It's in the oldest part of Prague, called Lesser Quarter or Mala Strana, a 20-minute walk across the bridge from Old Town.

Situated a few minutes' walk from Charles Bridge, this exceedingly romantic hotel is centrally located in a peaceful neighborhood shared with cafes, embassies and government offices. Petrin Park and Tower is just down the street.

The building's exterior is a U shape, topped with tiled roofs and beige brick walls. One side is the Renaissance abbey, another is a wing that dates from the baroque period, and the third is the home of the Czech Museum of Music. In fact, much of the hotel is built on top of the abbey, a commitment to the owner's respect for historical architecture.

Property Overview

A true treasure, filled also with Gothic and baroque architecture, guests here want for nothing, except perhaps a pool. Service, design, dining, accommodations and a stellar spa pave the road to indulgence.

Entrance is by a leafy courtyard with nothing more than a small plaque to indicate the hotel's presence, immediately clueing guests in to the exclusivity, but the intention is also for the focus to remain on this domain's definitive architecture.

Adjacent to the courtyard entry is the spa complex, which once housed a small Renaissance chapel. Frescoes on the walls remain, and beneath a glass floor is the old church.

The entrance is a simple glass-and-marble structure that leads arrivals to a bright registration desk. Displays of centuries-old glass vessels and ceramics bolster the look in the elegant lobby. All guests are escorted to their rooms, where actual check-in occurs.

Along the way, one is given a brief tour of the premises, along with an overview of its unique history. Warm-toned, quality textiles here and there remind of the brand's Asian theme. The staff here is superb, offering personal touches one would expect from a smaller boutique-hotel.



Spices Restaurant & Bar is the only year-round restaurant on the premises, as well as one of the only restaurants in the Czech Republic with a true tandoori oven. The hotel also has a proprietary white-wine cuvee created in partnership with a Czech winery.

The hotel's fitness center offers views of the abbey's brick vaulted ceiling through its floor-to-ceiling window.

The real treat here is the spa, accessible by underground corridor and located on the far side of the inner garden. The reception area encompasses the recess of the abbey's chapel and contains a glass floor revealing the structure's original foundations. Decor is a contrast of Asian bamboo and Renaissance brick illuminated by candlelight. Utilizing a holistic approach with an Asian twist, each room is equipped with a private water treatment room and steam bath.

Accommodations

All rooms are accessed via spacious elevators, the main stairway, or through halls and stairwells adorned with artifacts unearthed during construction. A soothing palette of cream and milk-chocolate is in the hallways.

Rooms are fairly proportioned and display ample attention to detail in their spry, contemporary finery. Unfortunately, most lack the engaging architectural detail found in the common areas, but the stunning modern design is subdued and tasteful. Quality is evident at every step.



All rooms have at least one TV, ample workspace, air-conditioning and minibars. Combination baths have double sinks, small TVs, robes, slippers and aromatherapy toiletries. Suites have large glass showers and separate tubs.

The Deluxe Terrace rooms along the first floor have direct access to the well-manicured garden and provide a small outdoor sitting area. They are ideal for honeymooners who wish to order room service and dine in privacy.

Rooms in the Renaissance wing have exposed wood-beam ceilings. Superior and Deluxe rooms offer single, queen or king beds with a choice of linens and pillows. Floors are limestone (heated in winter) or original parquet. Premium rooms have king beds and superb city views.

There are two suites with glistening designs by Moser, whose crystal is the Murano of Bohemia. However, the creme de la creme is the Presidential Penthouse Suite on the fifth floor, with 360-degree panoramas and a private terrace offering views of Prague Castle and Petrin Hill.

Nonstandard Amenities

Room service runs 24 hours, and turndown and twice-daily housekeeping are standard. Wi-Fi is free for loyalty program members.

Advisor Notes

The Mandarin Oriental Prague is a high-water mark for Prague's surprisingly stellar stable of small select luxury hotels. Its slightly off-center Mala Strana location is perfectly suited to visitors wishing to be close to the tourist attractions but also off the typical path of every visitor to Prague.

Comparable Properties

The Mandarin Oriental Prague offers stiff competition to the Four Seasons Prague.

Latest Revision: November 2019

Basic Information

Year Renovated: 2006
Number of Floors: 5
Number of Rooms: 99
Chain: Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group
Chain Website:
<https://www.mandarinoriental.com/>

Rates & Policies

Rates are Daily in USD
Standard: \$499-\$782
Suite: \$845-\$1,952
Meals: Full Breakfast Included
Deposit Policy: CC Number to guarantee the reservation
Cancellation Policy: 24 hrs prior to the day of arrival

Credit Cards Are Accepted
Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card

Location

In Prague. Mala Strana, shopping -Novy Smichov,10 min by tram. Airport.

Nearest Airports:
Vaclav Havel- 30 km, 30 min drive

Nearby Points of Interest:
Charles Bridge
Prague Castle
Wenceslas Square

Restaurants On-Site

Dining: 1 restaurant and 1 bar On Site

Spices Restaurant & Bar (Authentic Asian)
Spices Lounge (All day dining)

Room Amenities

(Amenities are in all rooms unless noted otherwise)

Air Conditioning
Cable/Satellite Television
Daily Maid Service
DVD/VCR
Free Newspaper
Mini-Bar
Refrigerator
Rooms for Non-smokers
Safe (In Room)
Telephone
Television
Voicemail

Recreation

NEARBY

Golf Course
Pool (Outdoor Pool)
Shopping Mall/Area

ON-SITE

Health Club
Health Spa/Massage

Hotel Facilities

GENERAL SERVICES

Laundry/Dry Cleaning Service
Paid Onsite Parking
Room Service
Wheelchair Access to
Common/Public Areas

BUSINESS SERVICES

Business Center
Copier
Fax
Meeting Facilities

Meetings Facilities

2 Meeting Rooms holding 165 people.
157 sq m of Meeting Space
115 sq m of Exhibit Space

Hotel Map & Neighborhood

