CaL2017 – Practical Info

About Brno

Brno (Czech pronunciation: ['brno]) is the second largest city in the Czech Republic by population and area (Prague is the first one), it is the cultural and administrative center of the South Moravian Region in which it forms a separate district (Brno-City District). The city lies at south-east of the Czech Republic at the confluence of the Svitava and Svratka rivers and has about 400,000 inhabitants. You can find more information about the city at: https://www.gotobrno.cz/en/explore-brno/.

Traveling to Brno

Brno is situated in the centre of Europe in the vicinity of three European metropolises: Prague, Vienna and Bratislava. There are four ways to get in Brno by plane:

- Brno Airport (<u>www.airport-brno.cz</u>): Brno Airport operates the connection to Munich and London Stansted.
 - You can use Public transport from airport to City center:
 - Bus number E76 Brno Airport Main Station (journey time approximately 20 minutes).
 - Bus number N89 Brno Airport Main Station night bus service, in operation between 11:00pm and 05:00am (journey time approximately 20 minutes).
 - more info: http://www.brno-airport.cz/en/parking-and-transport/public-transport/
- Vienna International Airport/Wien Schwechat (<u>www.viennaairport.com</u>): Vienna International Airport in the Austria is about 2-hour drive to Brno.
 - You can use direct bus connection from Vienna (airport, city) to Brno city center (Grand hotel bus station). It is suitable to book tickets in advance:
 - Flixbus (https://www.flixbus.com/)
 - RegioJet (https://www.regiojet.com/en)
 - Alternatively, there is a fast transport link (S-Bahn) from the airport to the center of Vienna calling at the railway station that serves Brno. Czech Railways (https://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm) operate quick IC, EC connections between Vienna-Brno-Prague.
- Vaclav Havel Airport Prague (http://www.prg.aero/en/) in the Czech Republic is about 2-hour drive to Brno.
 - You can use bus:
 - Buses by RegioJet (https://www.regiojet.com/en) leave directly from Vaclav Havel airport (you will have to change buses at the main bus station Florenc in Prague, but one ticket is valid for the whole journey by both buses).
 - Flixbus (https://elines.cz/en/) and other companies operate buses from the bus station Florenc. RegioJet and Flixbus will drop you off at the

Grand Hotel bus station in Brno, while other companies usually stop at Zvonařka bus station.

- You can also use train:
 - To get to Brno by train, you will first need to get to Prague's main railway station you can go by Airport Express (http://www.prg.aero/en/parking-transport/train-airport-express/).
 - You can buy your ticket to Brno online on the website of Czech Railways (https://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm) or at the railway station. Please do not forget to count at least 2 hours extra time to get to the railway station from the airport it does not take that long but since you do not know the way, you must count some extra time to find it and time to buy the ticket at the railway station to be on the safe side.
- Bratislava International Airport (https://www.bts.aero/) in Slovakia is about 2-hour drive to Brno.
 It is a smaller airport but some low-cost airlines use it. It operates connections to London Stansted,
 Edinburgh, Warsaw etc.
 - There is a bus line (no. 61) from the airport to the central train (and bus) station (Bratislava Hlavná Stanica) that serves Brno. You can buy your train ticket from Bratislava Hlavná. Stanica to Brno online on the website of Czech Railways (https://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm) or at the railway station.

You can find more information about traveling to Brno at https://wikitravel.org/en/Brno.

Traveling in Brno

The Integrated Transport System of the Southern Moravia Region (IDS JMK) covers public transport over Brno and most of the Southern Moravia Region: it includes local trains, trams, buses and trolleybuses. Daytime transport ends at 11pm, the night buses go hourly and have their central transfer node at the Main Station.

For journeys within the city, a short transfer ticket (valid 15 min, Kč 20) and a long transfer ticket (60 min, Kč 25) are available. Tickets are available at yellow ticket vending machines at bus and tram stops and newsagent's shops. You can buy the 60-minute ticket from the driver for Kč 35. A one-day network ticket costs Kč 90.

More info: https://www.idsjmk.cz/cenik/CenikEN.pdf.

Exchanges

The official currency of the Czech Republic is the Czech crown (koruna), abbreviated as Kč, with the international abbreviation CZK. The approximate value of 100 CZK is 4 EUR/5 USD.

You can change money in banks or in exchanges in city centre. There is lot of exchanges at Masarykova, Náměstí Svobody and Česká street.

Conference venue

CaL2017 Conference is hosted by Department of Philosophy of Masaryk University. It will take place in the room **B2.13** in building **B2** of Faculty of Arts, which is located on **Arne Nováka 1**.



Building B2

- Faculty of Arts is located near to the city centre (about 10-15 minutes' walk):
 https://www.google.cz/maps/place/Filozofick%C3%A1+fakulta+Masarykovy+univerzity/@49.2005

 491,16.5940225,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x47129444f8ff8d0b:0xb4d0b6eaebc1e2f8!8m2!3d49.2005491!4
 d16.5983999?hl=cs
- You can also use tram no. 3 or 12 to get to the faculty. The nearest tram stop is Grohova (about 1 minute to the faculty).

Accommodation in Brno

There is lot of possibilities to find accommodation near the city centre:

- Hotels:
 - Hotel Continental
 - Grandhotel Brno
 - o Hotel Slavia
 - o Barceló Brno Palace
 - o Hotel Pegas Brno
 - o Hotel Brno
- Hostels:
 - Hostel Mitte
 - o Hostel Fléda
 - Hostel Eleven
 - o Jacob Brno

More options: www.booking.com

What to see in Brno

Referred to as 'Little Vienna' and the 'Hidden Heart of Europe', Brno is the city with long history, beautiful architecture, many green recreational areas, and an international atmosphere.

- History:
 - Špilberk Castle
 - o Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul
 - o Old Town Hall
 - o Church of St. James with ossuary
 - Capuchin Monastery
 - o more information: https://www.gotobrno.cz/en/explore-brno/go-to-brnos-top-destinations/
- Art:
 - o Moravian Gallery: http://www.moravska-galerie.cz/?lang=en
- Architecture:
 - o Tugendhat Villa (UNESCO historical heritage): http://www.tugendhat.eu/en/homepage.html
 - o Stiassni Villa: https://www.vila-stiassni.cz/en
 - o Jurkovič Villa, Löw-Beer Villa etc.
- Recreational areas:
 - o Lužánky, Wilsonův les, Kraví hora, Tyršův sad etc.
- ZOO: http://www.zoobrno.cz/
- Persons connected with Brno:
 - Gregor Johann Mendel ("father of genetics"): http://www.mendelianum.cz/en/
 - o Kurt Gödel (mathematician and philosopher)
 - Leoš Janáček (composer)
 - o Milan Kundera (novelist)
 - Georg Placzek (physicist)

Where to eat and drink in Brno

Brno is also a great destination for anyone interested in sampling great beer and wine, coffee and eating delicious food. For more info: https://www.gotobrno.cz/en/taste-brno/

Czech cuisine:

- o Pivnice u Čápa: http://www.pivnice-ucapa.cz/
- o U Lucerny: http://www.u-lucerny.cz/
- o Stopkova Pivnice: http://www.kolkovna.cz/cs/stopkova-plzenska-pivnice-16
- Kabaret a restaurace Špaček: http://www.kabaretspacek.cz/
- Zahrada Ambrosia: https://www.facebook.com/Zahrada-Ambrosia-151905601526246/

Burger:

- o East Village: https://www.facebook.com/East-Village-Bar-Diner-144876892345117/?fref=ts
- Úvozna: http://uvozna.cz/
- o Bistro na Osmičce: http://www.naosmicce.cz/

Pasta:

- Cattani: http://www.cattani.cz/
- Vegetarian/Vegan food:
 - Vegalité: http://vegalite.cz/
 - o Rebio: http://www.rebio.cz/
 - o MyRaw Food: http://www.myraw.cz/
 - o Zdravý život: https://www.zzbrno.cz/

• Asian food:

- o Koishi: http://koishi.cz/
- o Go Brno: https://www.facebook.com/GoBrno/?fref=ts
- Oh' Pho: https://www.facebook.com/ohphobrno/?fref=ts

Beer:

- Výčep na stojáka: http://www.vycepnastojaka.cz/cs/
- o Zastávka: https://www.opivo.cz/ochutnavky-brno/pivnice-zastavka/
- o U Richarda: http://www.uricharda.eu/
- o Hluchá zmije: https://www.opivo.cz/ochutnavky-brno/hlucha-zmije/

Coffee:

- Kafec: http://www.kafec.cz/
- o Coffee Fusion: https://www.facebook.com/COFFEE-FUSION-209200889117261/
- o Café Atlas: http://www.cafeatlas.cz/
- o Gills: http://www.gills.cz/
- Skog Urban Hub: http://www.skog.cz/

Drinks:

- Bar, který neexistuje: http://www.barkteryneexistuje.cz/
- Super Panda Circus: http://www.superpandacircus.cz/