

Czech Republic Festivals

2023

January 1: New Year's Day; Restoration of Czech Independence Day (closures)

January 19: Anniversary of Jan Palach's Death (flowers in Prague's Wenceslas Square)

February 1–5: [Prague Short Film Festival](#)

February 18–21: [Carnival celebrations](#), Český Krumlov

March 22–April 2: [One World International Human Rights Film Festival](#), Prague

April 7 & 12: Second and seventh full days of Passover (Prague's Jewish Quarter sights closed)

April 7–10: Easter weekend (Good Friday through Easter Monday; closures)

April 27–May 3: [Febiofest](#), Prague (international film festival)

April 30: Walpurgis Night (Pálení Čarodějnic, a.k.a. "Witches' Night"; farewell-to-winter bonfires, including a big one on Prague's Petřín Hill)

May 1: Labor Day (some closures), [Day of Love](#) (akin to Valentine's Day)

May 5–6: [United Islands of Prague](#) (cultural events and world music on the city's islands)

May 7: [Prague International Marathon](#)

May 8: Liberation Day (closures)

May 11–June 2: ["Prague Spring" Music Festival](#)

May 22–27: [Prague Fringe Festival](#) (offbeat theater)

May 26–27: Shavu'ot (Prague's Jewish Quarter sights closed)

May 28–June 3: [Khamoro World Roma Festival](#), Prague (performances and events celebrating Romani culture)

May 31–June 4: [Festival of Songs](#), Olomouc

June 8: Corpus Christi (religious festival; some closures)

June 8–10: [Rock for People](#), Hradec Králové (eclectic concert series in north central Czech Republic)

June 9–10: [Microbrewery festival](#), Prague

June 16–18: [Celebration of the Five-Petalled Rose](#), Český Krumlov (medieval festival and knights' tournament)

June 23–24 (likely): [Baroque Night in Český Krumlov Castle](#) (dance, music, dining)

June 23–July 2 (likely) & August 12–13: [Český Krumlov Chamber Music Festival](#)

Late June–mid-October: [Prague Proms](#) (concert series)

June 30–July 8: [Karlovy Vary International Film Festival](#), western Czech Republic

July 5: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Day (closures)

July 6: Jan Hus Day (closures)

July 10–11 (likely): [Bohemia Jazzfest](#), Prague (free concerts in Old Town Square); travels to other Czech towns in following week or two

July 17–August 5: [Český Krumlov International Music Festival](#) (classical music and opera)

July 18–August 8: [Summer Festivities of Early Music](#), Prague

July 19–22: [Colours of Ostrava](#) (major city between Olomouc and Polish border; range of musical genres with international acts)

July 28–August 13: [Telč Vacations Festival](#) (folk music, open-air theater, exhibitions)

July 29–30: [Czech Ukulele Festival](#), Únětice (near Prague; held in brewery)

August 30–September 3: [Praha Music Festival](#), Prague (choral and orchestral performances)

August 31–September 3 (likely): [International Folklore Festival](#), Brno

September 7–25: [Dvořák's Prague Music Festival](#) (concert series)

September 8–10: [Pálava Wine Harvest Festival](#), Mikulov (music, medieval procession)

September 15–16: [Slunce ve Skle beer festival](#), Pilsen

September 15–17: [Český Krumlov Baroque Arts Festival](#)

September 16–17: Rosh Hashanah (Prague's Jewish Quarter sights closed)

September 25: Yom Kippur (Prague's Jewish Quarter sights closed)

September 28: St. Wenceslas Day (celebrates national patron saint and Czech statehood; kicks off three-day folk festival in Český Krumlov; closures)

September 29–October 1: [St. Wenceslas celebrations](#), Český Krumlov

September 30–October 1 & October 7–8: Sukkot (first two full days), Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah (Prague's Jewish Quarter sights closed)

October 12–15: [Signal Festival](#) (light show on facades of landmark buildings), Prague

Mid-October–November: [Feast of St. Martin Wine Festival](#), Český Krumlov

October 28: Independence Day (closures)

November 1: All Saints' Day/Remembrance Day (religious festival, some closures)

November 17: Velvet Revolution Anniversary (closures)

December: Christmas festivals across the Czech Republic, most notably in [Prague](#) and [Český Krumlov](#) (markets, musical events, lights)

December 5: St. Nicholas Eve (St. Nicholas, devils, and angels walk the streets in search of nice — and naughty — children)

December 24–25: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Vánoce, closures)

December 26: St. Stephen's Day (closures)

December 31: St. Sylvester's Day (fireworks in Prague)

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