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The City of Olomouc



District	Olomouc
Area	103.39 km ²
Population	99,809

Geography

Olomouc is the sixth largest city in the Czech Republic and has about 100 000 inhabitants. Olomouc has a convenient location close to Central European capitals, namely Vienna (Austria), Bratislava (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary), and other remarkable cities, such as Kraków.

History

Olomouc is one of the most beautiful historical cities in the Czech Republic and due to 25,000 students it has a reputation of being a vibrant university city. It is also the seat of the archbishop. The Catholic history of the town dates back almost one thousand years as the bishopric of Olomouc was founded in 1063 and seven centuries later, in 1777, it was raised to the rank of the archbishopric. As a result, there are more than 50 religious buildings, including monasteries, palaces or churches.

Education

There are two higher education institutions in Olomouc: Moravian Business College Olomouc (MVSOU) and Palacky University Olomouc (UPOL). Palacky University is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic (founded in 1573). It has international influence and old tradition. On the other hand, Moravian Business College Olomouc is a private college focused on Business, Economics and Management, ICT and Multimedia.

Tourism

Olomouc is the second largest conservation area in the country. In the historical centre, you can find the largest baroque sculpture in Central Europe and a UNESCO monument – the Holy Trinity Column, historical Town Hall, Archbishop's Palace, St. Wenceslas Cathedral, baroque fountains and many religious monuments that illustrate the magical atmosphere of the city.

According to the Lonely Planet travel guide, Olomouc was evaluated as the most beautiful city in the Czech Republic and has been placed first in the ranking of the 50 hidden treasures in Europe that are worth seeing.

Olomouc is a convenient starting point to stunning castles of Moravia, such as Bouzov, Helfštýn and Šternberk, all of which attract visitors for their unique atmosphere. Plenty of events for families are organized here, including medieval crafts, arts, weapons or rock concerts that you can visit from spring until autumn. There are many mountain ranges near Olomouc you can visit. Beskydy Mountains are popular for the statue of the pagan Slavic god called Radegast. Jeseníky Mountains comprise a protected national park and Dolní Morava is known for its wooden-concrete construction Skywalk and old army bunkers from World War II.



Countryside

Central Moravia region is interwoven with countless natural sites and deserves special attention for its high value, care and protection.

“Litovelské pomoraví” extends between the towns of Olomouc, Litovel, and Mohelnice. It forms a unique complex of extensive riparian forests and meadows in Europe.

In the territory of Central Moravia, you can find a trio of unique cave systems – in Mladeč, Javoříčko, Teplice, and its surrounding areas. Javoříčko caves belong to the most beautiful caves in the Czech Republic. They are unique for their rich, diverse and well-preserved stalactite decoration. Mladeč caves are among the archaeological sites of global importance. They are probably the oldest, largest and northernmost settlement of modern humans in Europe. Zbrašov’s aragonite caves are the warmest caves in the Czech Republic with a constant year-round temperature of 14°C. Near the cave, Hranice abyss is located which aspires to be the deepest in the world.

Food and Drinks

In the Olomouc region, you can taste traditional Moravian food. Probably the most famous one is “Olomoucké tvarůžky” (quargels). They are produced in the village of Loštice. It is ripened soft cheese known for its strong scent, distinctive pungent taste and yellowish colour. Since 2010, “Olomoucké tvarůžky” have been registered as a Protected Geographical Indication by the European Union.


Czech beer is the most popular drink in the Czech Republic as well as one of the most praised beer types in the world. In the Olomouc surroundings, you can find large breweries named Litovel (in Litovel) and Zubr (in Přerov). There is also a small but very popular brewery of a family character called Chomout near Olomouc that produces a variety of specialties.

Festivals and Events

Every year there are festivals and various events organized in Olomouc. The most popular are:

- AFO – international festival of science documentary films, held in April;
- Beerfest – tasting of different types of beer, held in September;
- Garden Food Festival – food festival where local restaurants present their delicacies, held in May;
- One World Festival – deals with global social issues, held annually in March;
- Olomouc Half Marathon – long-distance running event with distance 21 km (10,8 miles), held in July;
- Christmas Market – various types of mulled wine, local food and concerts in Olomouc city center for the whole month before Christmas, held in December.

Tip: Do not miss the **Social Life** section on pages 27–30.

A photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a curved glass facade and a flat roof. The building is set against a blue sky with light clouds. The text 'Moravian Business College Olomouc' is overlaid in large white font on the left side of the image. On the right side of the building, the name 'VYSOKÁ ŠKOLA OLOMOUČ' is visible in dark letters on the roofline.

Moravian Business College Olomouc



Founded	2005
Type	Private college (non-profit organization)
Study programmes	Economics and Management (Bachelor's, Master's degree) Systems Engineering and Informatics (Bachelor's degree)
Success of graduates	99 %

General Information about MVSO

Moravian Business College Olomouc (MVSO) is a modern and dynamic college with international reach. It has two accredited study programmes: Economics and Management, and Systems Engineering and Informatics, which are characterized by a project approach, internationalization and emphasis on personal approach to students.

MVSO was established by business companies and the overall objective of MVSO is to combine academic excellence with economic and social relevance and generate value accordingly.

MVSO is a part of the BEA campus which connects the **business** world and the academic world (**education**) in order to achieve **acceleration** in conducting business.

Erasmus+ Programme

Moravian Business College Olomouc joined the Erasmus programme in 2010 and up to this point it has more than 30 partner institutions.

Application and Admission Procedure

All foreign students from programme countries (member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey) who are interested in studying at MVSO within the Erasmus+ Programme are obliged to follow the application procedure. After the official nomination by the sending institution, the student must provide the following documents:

- Student Application Form;
- Learning Agreement;
- Transcript of Records from their home university (in English);
- English Level Confirmation or a copy of an English Certificate
- Copy of their valid ID (passport).

After all the documents listed above are received, the student will be sent a Letter of Acceptance and all the necessary information.

Course Catalogue

Students choose courses according to their needs and specialization (the minimum number of requested credits is 15 ECTS per semester).

The course catalogue is available at mvso.cz/en.

Application Deadline

EU Students	Winter semester: mid-June
	Summer semester: mid-December
non-EU Students	Winter semester: mid-May
	Summer semester: mid-November

For further information please contact us on international@mvso.cz

A person with a backpack is seen from behind, standing on a train platform. A train is blurred in the background, moving quickly. The scene is lit by overhead platform lights, creating a sense of motion and waiting.

The Quickest Way to Olomouc

Travel to the Czech Republic by Plane

The nearest international airports to Olomouc are in Brno Tuřany or Ostrava Mošnov. Both airports are located about 80 km from Olomouc. However, the most frequently used airport is in Prague (Václav Havel Airport) approximately 250 km from Olomouc (2 hours by express train). Of course, you can choose an airport in another country, for example in Vienna and another one is Bratislava's airport in Slovakia, both of which are located 200 km from Olomouc.

- **Travel from the Airport in Prague** – After you arrive to Prague airport, you can catch a taxi or take an Airport Express bus from bus station “Letiště Václava Havla Praha” to get to Prague's Main Railway Station called “Hlavní nádraží”. The price of the ticket is approximately CZK 60 (EUR 2.2).
- **Travel from the Airport in Brno-Tuřany** – After your arrival to Brno-Tuřany airport, you can take a bus from the airport station “Letiště” to Main Railway Station in Brno called in Czech “Hlavní nádraží”. The price of the ticket is approximately CZK 25. You can buy it in the Airport Shop or from the ticket machines at the airport.

Travel from Prague to Olomouc by Train or Bus

It is recommended to use an express train; it will take about 2 hours. Express trains always depart from the Prague Main Railway Station. The ticket from Prague to Olomouc by train costs CZK 220 (EUR 8.2).

You can buy your tickets in advance at these following websites:

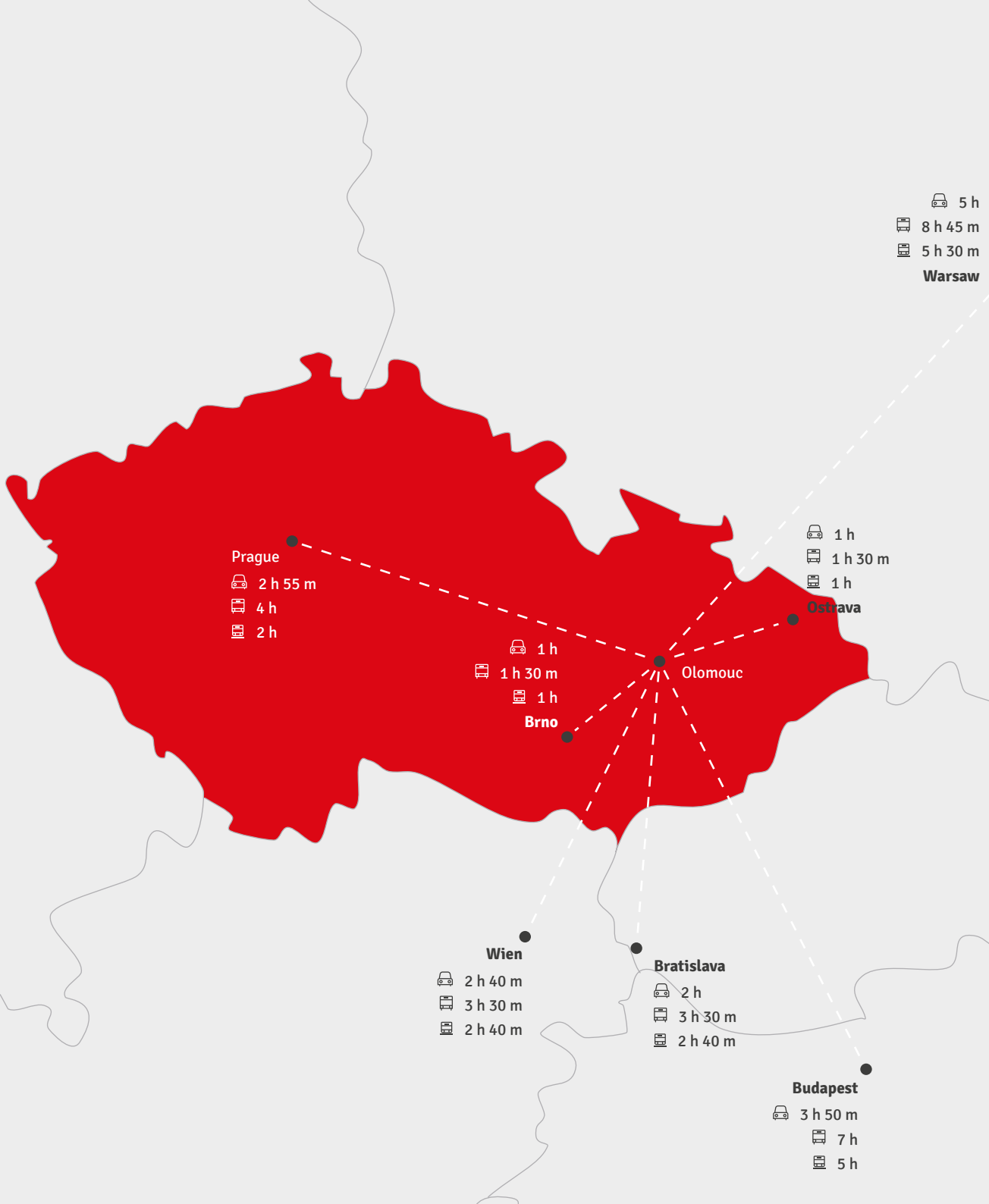
- www.cd.cz – České dráhy (train);
- www.regiojet.com – RegioJet (train/bus);
- www.leoexpress.com – Leo Express (train);
- www.flixbus.com – Flixbus (bus).

For further information about transit connections go to www.idos.cz.

Public Transportation in Olomouc

You can use [IDOS maps](#) to find the best connection for your travelling through Olomouc. The tram ticket can be bought in the ticket machine or at a newsstand. The usual price is CZK 14 (EUR 0.50).

[Rekola](#) – bike sharing via a free smartphone app





Accommodation

Olomouc is well known for its high percentage of students and tourists, therefore, it offers many possibilities for accommodation. Erasmus students usually stay at the local dormitories located in the immediate surroundings of MVSO. Double rooms with a separate bathroom and the Internet access are available for the price of approx. EUR 90/month. Should there be no free capacity, MVSO will help with booking other accommodation, if possible, of a similar standard and price level.

You will need a passport-sized photograph for a dormitory card. At the registration, you will be charged a deposit which will be given back to you at the time of your departure, after you return the key. You may find more information at www.skm.upol.cz.

More options of accommodation you can find at www.trivago.com. When your family members or friends come to visit you in Olomouc, you can choose from the following accommodation tips.

Hotels

Smarthotel Nezvalova Archa, Nezvalova 3, Olomouc

Theresian hotel & Spa, Javoříčská 674/5, Olomouc

Long Story Short Hostel, Koželužská 945/31, Olomouc

If you prefer to stay in a private flat, you can search for one at www.sreality.cz/en.



Police Registration, Visas and Health

EU Students

The state borders of the Czech Republic, which are internal borders within the Schengen area, can be crossed without a border check on persons, irrespective of their nationality. EU students do not need a visa but need to have a valid passport or a national ID card. However, there is one important obligation. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, EU students have the „reporting requirement“ if they stay for more than 30 days. If you plan to stay for more than three months, you must also apply for a residence permit.

NOTE: This obligation does not apply if the person providing accommodation submits the registration forms on behalf of the citizen of the EU, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, or Switzerland.

Non-EU Students

All non-EU students are obliged to contact the local Czech Embassy. During the application for a visa, there is a need to have all necessary additional documents – a valid passport, a proof of financial resources, health insurance and documents which are provided by the Erasmus+ coordinator – the Acceptance Letter, Confirmation about the Accommodation. The whole application procedure takes at least 60 days so it is recommended to apply as soon as possible.

For more information on registration please consult the website of the [Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic](#).

Health Insurance

- EU students – All EU students are already insured with the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from their national health government. Holding this card covers almost all medical expenses – state-provided healthcare. It is highly recommended to make extra health insurance, such as travel insurance. Olomouc health centres and Olomouc University Hospital provide high quality health care services. You might need to pay a fee of CZK 90 (EUR 3) for emergency help.
- Non-EU students – Incoming students from non-EU countries are highly recommended to arrange their medical insurance before arriving to the Czech Republic in order to avoid problems in case of sudden emergency.

Health Insurance Companies

- www.pvzp.cz/en – VZP;
- www.uniqa.cz/home-en – UNIQA;
- www.cpzp.cz – ČPZP.

Health Facilities

Olomouc provides high-quality health care services through public and private medical facilities. Most of the health facilities have a contract with insurance companies and provide free healthcare.

Medical specialists (surgeons, dentists, eye doctors, opticians, urologists, internists, gynaecologists, etc.) and medical services (X-rays, laboratories, pharmacies) can be found in the main Olomouc Health Centres and in Olomouc University Hospital:

- Polyclinic Olomouc, třída Svobody 32 (www.poliklinikaolomouc.cz);
- SPEA, nám. Národních hrdinů 2 (www.spea.cz);
- Olomouc University Hospital (www.fnol.cz).

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a dark blue credit card over a white payment terminal on a dark wooden counter. The terminal is connected to a white power cord. In the background, another person's hand is visible near the counter, and a wrapped gift is partially seen on the right. The scene is set in a brightly lit indoor environment, likely a retail or service counter.

Bank Accounts and SIMs

Banks

Opening a bank account in the Czech Republic is quite easy. All you need is your passport or another identification card. When you first set up an account, you are asked to pay a small deposit. It may vary from one bank to another.

The bank will offer you other services such as online banking, ATM card, and SMS service for every transaction.

Most Czech banks offer accounts with reasonable or no fees for students (e.g. Česká Spořitelna, ČSOB).

Mobile Network Providers

There are 3 biggest network operators in the Czech Republic which provide mobile services – Vodafone, O2, T-Mobile. The best way to get a SIM card is to go with a (local) friend to the providers' stores and ask for further instructions. All stores can be found in the shopping mall Šantovka (Mo–Su, 9:00–21:00). Top-up vouchers can be bought at many newsstands, post offices and petrol stations. Czech SIM cards cost around CZK 200 (EUR 8).



Social Life

Restaurants, Bars and Clubs

Most restaurants and cafés in Olomouc are open daily from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. or even later. Some restaurants and cafés do not open before lunchtime, i.e. 11 a.m. If you are satisfied with the service, a tip of 5–10 % is appreciated in any restaurant with table service. Usually, the waiter announces the amount as they hand over the bill and the customer, while paying, announces how much they wish to pay with the tip included.

The information about restaurants is available at [TripAdvisor](#).

Restaurants nearest to MVSO

BEATA lunch & coffee , tř. Kosmonautů 1, Olomouc	0 km
Chinese restaurant Miao, tř. Kosmonautů 11, Olomouc	0,4 km
American grill bar , tř. Kosmonautů 21, Olomouc	0,5 km
Bounty Rock Cafe , Hálkova 2, Olomouc	0,5 km
M.D. Originál , Březinova 7A, Olomouc	0,7 km

Recommended restaurants & bars

47 opic, Uhelná 8, Olomouc

Atmosphere restaurant, Polská 1, Olomouc

Drápal, Havlíčkova 1, Olomouc

Fish Market, Dolní náměstí 25/40, Olomouc

Giraldilla / La Bodega Cubana, Mlýnská 952/2, Olomouc

Grill Pub Pod Lipami, Zolova 14, Olomouc

Koktejly & sny, Uhelná 1186/8, Olomouc

Kozlovna M3, 7. listopadu 43, Olomouc

Lobster restaurant, Polská 1, Olomouc

Plan B, Palachovo náměstí 1, Olomouc

Podkova, Koželužská 945/31, Olomouc

Riegrovka Steakhouse, Riegrova 381/22, Olomouc

The Black Stuff Irish Pub & Whisky Bar, 1. máje 19, Olomouc

U Kristýna, Wurmova 6, Olomouc

Vietnamese deli & sushi bar CODO, Palackeho 642/13, Olomouc

Clubs

Belmondo, Mlýnská 4, Olomouc

Captain Morgan's, Mlýnská 2, Olomouc

15 minutes club, Komenského 31, Olomouc

Meex Club, Horní náměstí 19, Olomouc

S-klub, 17. listopadu 43, Olomouc

U-klub, Šmeralova 12, Olomouc

Varna, Riegrova 6, Olomouc

Cafés

Café New One, tř. Svobody 21, Olomouc

Coffee Library, Biskupské náměstí 842/1, Olomouc

Jazz Fresh Cafe, Sokolská 48, Olomouc

KONVIKT bistro & bar, Univerzitní 3, Olomouc

Traffic Coffee, Palackého 1124/21A, Olomouc

Trouble Cafe, Palackého 593/17, Olomouc

Cinemas and Theatres

- Premiere Cinemas – It is located on the 2nd floor in the shopping centre Galerie Šantovka.
- Kino Metropol – The last oldschool cinema in Olomouc, located in the city centre.
- Moravian Theatre – The Moravian Theatre is located in the main square. It has a variety of programmes including ballet, classical drama, and opera. The ticket prices range from CZK 55 to 390.
- Tramtarie Theatre – It provides entertaining plays. It is located at Slovanský Dům.
- Šantovka's Theatre – It provides high quality shows, concerts, theatre, and lectures.

Shopping

- Galerie Šantovka – Šantovka is located in the heart of Olomouc city, very close to the historical centre and MVSO (10 minutes on foot), on the island surrounded by the stream called Mlýnský potok. Visitors can find dozens of shops with fashion brands there as well as cafés, banks, restaurants, a large food store, post office and leisure facility that comprises a 6-screen multiplex cinema and a 18-lane bowling arena.

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Important Telephone Numbers

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general
emergency

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fire brigade

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ambulance

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municipal
police

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