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**Open House Prague starts on May 16, 2022 with discussions, lectures, walking tours, and other events. More than 100 buildings and spaces that are not usually accessible are open on the weekend of May 21– 22.**

**The 8th Open House Prague, a festival which celebrates Prague’s architecture, is taking place on May 16–22, 2022. On the weekdays, there is a number of accompanying events – concerts, lectures, discussions, exhibitions, and guided walks. On the weekend of May 21–22, 101 buildings and spaces that are not usually accessible are open for free. Starting May 16, visitors are welcome in the information center of the festival, located on Železná 492/18, Prague 1-Old Town, where they can purchase the festival guide and merchandise. The opening hours are Monday–Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The full program is available at:** [**www.openhousepraha.cz/en/festival-2022-2/**](http://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/festival-2022-2/)**.**

*“Not a year has passed since the last festival took place and we can finally meet our visitors again, this time in our favorite month of May after two years of covid-19 restrictions. The program features 101 buildings, including 26 new participants, 57 cultural monuments, and an eventful accompanying program, which celebrates several anniversaries of significant architects,”* says festival director Andrea Šenkyříková.

**150th Anniversary of the Birth of Jože Plečnik**

The program of this year’s Open House Prague is dedicated to the anniversaries of the birth of three important architects who have worked in the Czech lands, one of them being Slovenian architect **Jože Plečnik**, who would have celebrated his 150th birthday in January. On this occasion, visitors can see not only Plečnik’s most famous building in Prague – the [**Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=244) – but there are other events related to Plečnik in the accompanying program as well.

Jože Plečnik is considered a significant architect not only in his native Slovenia but also in the Czech Republic. Perhaps thanks to his experience from Prague, Plečnik came back to Ljubljana with clear views on the city’s issues and left the capital with **architectural masterpieces**. These are now part of the city’s unmistakable panorama and also listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The exhibition **Plečnik’s Unrealized Projects for Ljubljana**, which will be on display **from May 16 to May 30** on Jiřího z Poděbrad Square, introduces **four projects** which could have changed the face of Ljubljana forever. International visitors are also welcome because the information panels at the exhibition are in English as well. The exhibition is accompanied by a **lecture** (Thursday, May 19, 6.30 p.m.) led by **Ana Porok**, curator of the permanent exhibition on Plečnik in Ljubljana, along with professor **Vladimír Šlapeta**, one of the biggest Czech experts on Plečnik’s work. The lecture will be interpreted into English. *“We were looking for the right venue, until we found Collegium Maximum, an auditorium at the Faculty of Law, Charles University. The auditorium was designed by Jan Kotěra, Plečnik’s close friend who invited him to Prague in 1911 and opened the door for Plečnik to take part in renovations of Prague Castle,”* says Andrea Šenkyříková. The admission to the lecture is free, however, **prior registration is required**. More details are available [**here**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/2022/05/06/plecniks-projects-for-ljubljana-that-never-came-to-life/).

**Live Music in the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord**

On Wednesday, May 18 at 8 p.m., one of the most significant sacral monuments in the Czech Republic will host a concert of music composed by Plečnik’s contemporaries, such as **Bohuslav Foerster**. The **concert** in the [**Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=244) will be performed by the **Stamic Quartet**, with an introduction from **architect Zdeněk Lukeš**. The event is taking place thanks to the kind support from our partner, the Roman Catholic Parish at the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord. More details on the program of the evening and tickets are available [**here**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/2022/04/25/unity-of-place-and-time-in-music-tribute-to-joze-plecnik/).

**English Tours**

Because Open House Prague also attracts visitors from foreign countries and long-term residents of Prague, the organizers have arranged a number of **guided tours in English** in selected buildings. These include the [**City Mayor’s Residency**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=72), the [**Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=160), the [**Church of St. Anne – Prague Crossroads**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=39), [**DISK Theater**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=13), [**Na Zábradlí Theater**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=15), the [**Ericsson Palace**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=97), the [**Štenc House**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=75). The availability of English tours is indicated in the description of each building on the festival’s website, and the tours take place continually during opening hours. As part of the accompanying program on the weekend, there are two special English tours in the [**Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=147) on Saturday, May 21 (at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.). All the open buildings can be found [**here**](http://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/festival-2022-2/).

**More Accompanying Events**

The organizers have also arranged several **walking tours** as part of the accompanying program. Visitors can attend a walking tour around the **bridges of Prague**, explore the [**Prague Exhibition Grounds**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=83), which are currently undergoing a major makeover, or see sculpture art in the district of **Zbraslav**. Special tours for **children** with interactive **worksheets for little architects** are also available. In the [**UMPRUM Technology Center in Mikulandská Street**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=236), children can build the house of their dreams in a **workroom with Lego bricks**. To make the festival truly available to everybody, the organizers have also arranged **special tours for visitors with physical disabilities, hearing disabilities, and visual disabilities**. More details on the accompanying program [**here**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/festival-2022-2/accompanying-program/).

**Open Buildings**

On the weekend of **May 21–22**, **101 buildings and spaces that are not usually accessible** are opening their doors **for free** in **13 city districts**. Many buildings are participating for the first time ever, such as the [**Sokol Gymnasium in Libeň**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=254) and the nearby [**Church of St. Adalbert**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=175), one of the few churches in the Czech lands built in the style of Art Nouveau. Other first-time participants include [**EA Hotel Juliš**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=247) on Wenceslas Square, the [**Clubhouse of the Autoclub of the Czech Republic**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=238), and the [**Adria** **Palace**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=249) designed by Pavel Janák, an architect whose **140th anniversary** of birth we are celebrating this year as well. The organizers are also opening the Cubist apartment building [**Diamant**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=255) and the former [**Gráf Hotel**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=259), now **I. P. Pavlova 5**, where visitors can climb up to the roof and see Prague from above. Moreover, visitors can learn about the revitalization project for the [**Cibulka Homestead**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=257) and about the modern dormitory [**The Fizz Prague**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=241), see the [**Vlašská Infirmary**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=237), and explore the [**Boiler House of the General University Hospital**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=248), a lesser-known building by famous Czech architect Karel Prager. The boiler house will also host an **exhibition** **of art** from the **Kojoon collection**. Lovers of functionalism may appreciate the monumental [**State Reformed Realgymnasium**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=235). This year also marks the **200th anniversary** of the birth of **Vojtěch Ignác Ullmann**, who is considered a pioneer of the Czech Neo-Renaissance. To celebrate his work, the program also features some of Ullmann’s realizations, such as the [**Secondary School for Girls in Vodičkova Street**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=253). For the first time ever, numerous buildings are also opening in the districts of **Zbraslav** and **Komořany**, such as the [**former washhouse**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=234), [**Church of the Hus Congregation**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=251), [**bell foundry**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=246), or the premises of the [**Czech Hydrometeorological Institute**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=256).

**Organization of the Festival**

The admission to all the open buildings is **free** and **no prior registration is required**, with one exception ([**Thun Palace**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/building-2022/?key=108)). The tours are arranged in collaboration with the owners, managers, and employees of the institutions and companies which are located in the open buildings, along with the help of **hundreds of volunteers**. Anyone can join our volunteer program and experience the festival from a different perspective! The application form is available [**here**](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/en/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/).

Information on the program is also available on our Facebook event [**Open House Praha 2022**](https://www.facebook.com/events/1098704030536961/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%2252%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22%5B%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22share_link%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22share_link%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%7B%5C%22invite_link_id%5C%22%3A260140489006865%7D%7D%5D%22%7D).

Watch the [**trailer**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYWIfhRZbtc)!

**Open House Prague on social media**

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**About Open House Prague**

*Open House Praha, z. ú.* is a non-profit, non-state organization which holds a festival of the same name on one weekend (usually) in May with a week-long accompanying program. The concept of the festival was born in **London** in 1992 under the leadership of **Victoria Thornton**, who holds the **Order of the British Empire**. After the organization acquired a license to hold Open House Prague, the festival took place in the Czech Republic for the first time in 2015 and has since become one of the most important cultural events in Prague. The patroness of the festival is **Eva Jiřičná**, a Czech architect who lives in London. She was at the start of Open House London and was a part of it for 20 years as a member of the administrative board as well as a volunteer, and she represents an imaginary bridge between Prague and the founding city. Open House Prague is a proud member of [Open House Worldwide](https://www.openhouseworldwide.org/), an international network which joins together **50 cities** on 6 different continents. Aside from the festival, the organization also focuses on various **activities throughout the year** (for volunteers, partners, the Architecture Lovers Club, the public), including educational programs for children, young adults, and people with disabilities.

The festival is held under the auspices of the following people: Martin Baxa – culture minister; Nick Archer – ambassador of the United Kingdom; Zdeněk Hřib – mayor of Prague; Petr Hlaváček – deputy mayor of Prague; Hana Třeštíková – councilor for culture, protected buildings care, exhibitions, and tourist industry; Naděžda Goryczková – CEO of the National Heritage Institute; Petr Hejma – mayor of the Prague 1 Municipal District; Alexandra Udženija – mayor of the Prague 2 Municipal District; Jiří Ptáček – mayor of the Prague 3 Municipal District; Irena Michalcová – mayor of the Prague 4 Municipal District; Renáta Zajíčková – mayor of the Prague 5 Municipal District; Ondřej Kolář – mayor of the Prague 6 Municipal District; Jan Čižinský – mayor of the Prague 7 Municipal District; Ondřej Gros – mayor of the Prague 8 Municipal District; Tomáš Portlík – mayor of the Prague 9 Municipal District; Renáta Chmelová – mayor of the Prague 10 Municipal District; Jan Adamec – mayor of the Prague 12 Municipal District; Miloš Růžička – mayor of the Prague-Ďáblice Municipal District; Tomáš Bryknar – mayor of the Prague-Troja Municipal District; and Zuzana Vejvodová – mayor of the Prague-Zbraslav Municipal District.

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Open House Prague is part of [Open House Worldwide](http://www.openhouseworldwide.org/), an international network.

**Selected Events from the Accompanying Program (May 16–20, 2022)**

[**QUASI TRIO**](https://www.loosovavila.cz/akce/2022/5/17/koncert-quasi-trio) **– concert**

Tue May 17, 2022 – 7 p.m.

**[Unity of Time and Place – concert](https://www.openhousepraha.cz/2022/02/20/jednota-mista-a-casu-v-hudbe-k-pocte-joze-plecnika/)**

Wed May 18, 2022 – 8 p.m.

**Plečnik’s Unrealized Projects for Ljubljana – lecture**

Thu May 19, 2022 – 6.30 p.m.

**New Buildings in This Year’s Program**

1. Adria Palace
2. Boiler House of the General University Hospital in Prague
3. Church of St. Adalbert
4. Church of the Hus Congregation in Vinohrady
5. Church of the Hus Congregation in Zbraslav
6. Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord
7. Cibulka Homestead
8. Clubhouse of the Autoclub of the Czech Republic
9. Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics and Cybernetics (CIIRC), Czech Technical University in Prague
10. Diamant
11. EA Hotel Juliš
12. Former Electrical Enterprises – Bubenská 1
13. Former Sculpture Atelier of Halman Brothers – creative agency Loosers
14. Former Washhouse – Zbraslav Clubhouse
15. Gráf Hotel – I. P. Pavlova 5
16. Komořany Chateau, Central Forecasting Office and Administration Building of the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
17. Prague 12 Town Hall
18. Secondary School for Girls – Vodičkova Elementary School
19. Sokol Gymnasium in Libeň
20. State Reformed Realgymnasium – Higher Professional School of Pedagogy and Social Sciences, Secondary Technical School and Secondary General School
21. Švanda Theater in Smíchov
22. The Fizz Prague
23. Thun Palace – embassy and residence of the ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
24. UMPRUM Technology Center in Mikulandská Street
25. Vlašská Infirmary – seat of the Italian Institute of Culture
26. Zbraslav Bell Foundry – Museum of the Manoušek Bell Foundry

**Full List of Buildings of Open House Prague 2022 (May 21–22, 2022)**

**Administration**

Brumlovka – Building B

Brumlovka – Delta

Brumlovka – Filadelfie

ČSOB Campus – NHQ building

ČSOB Campus – SHQ building

Former Electrical Enterprises – Bubenská 1

General Pension Institute – Radost House

Municipal House in Ďáblice

NN IT Hub

Prague 12 Town Hall

Quadrio

Štenc House – main office of Opero business club

Vyšehrad National Cultural Monument – administrative office

**Art and Culture**

Disk Theater (part of the Academy of Performing Arts – DAMU)

Former Sculpture Atelier of Halman Brothers – creative agency Loosers

Former Washhouse – Zbraslav Clubhouse

Metro Palace – Image Theater

Na Zábradlí Theater

National House in Karlín – studios of Radio DAB Praha and Czech Radio Region

Palace of Culture – Congress Center Prague

Sculpture Atelier of Jan Lauda – Olgoj Chorchoj studio

Šaloun Villa – atelier of the Academy of Fine Arts and seat of HOST organization

Švanda Theater in Smíchov

Trade Fair Palace – National Gallery Prague and Studio Hrdinů Theater

Vlna Community Center in Ďáblice

**Cemeteries**

Ďáblice Cemetery

Evangelical Cemetery in Strašnice

Olšany Cemetery

**Education and Research**

Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics and Cybernetics (CIIRC), Czech Technical University in Prague

Czech National Library of Technology

Czech Polytechnic Institute – Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague

Ďáblice Observatory

Faculty Elementary School in Ďáblice

Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague

Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague

House of Agricultural Education

Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry AS CR – historical and new building

Institute of Philosophy, Institute of Sociology, Institute of Art History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Klar Institute of the Blind – seat of the Czech Geological Survey

Komořany Chateau, Central Forecasting Office and Administration Building of the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute

National Museum of Agriculture

Project Studios Association / CAMP

Secondary School for Girls – Vodičkova Elementary School

State Reformed Realgymnasium – Higher Professional School of Pedagogy and Social Sciences, Secondary Technical School and Secondary General School

UMPRUM Technology Center in Mikulandská Street

**Historical Palaces and Monuments**

Adria Palace

Cibulka Homestead

City Mayor’s Residency

Clubhouse of the Autoclub of the Czech Republic

Czernin Palace – seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Desfours Palace

Ericsson Palace

Forum

House of the Firemen's Association of Bohemia – Firemen's House

Libeň Chateau

Metro Palace

Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

Nusle Town Hall

Thun Palace – embassy and residence of the ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Vlašská Infirmary – seat of the Italian Institute of Culture

**Hotels and Accommodation**

EA Hotel Juliš

Gráf Hotel – I. P. Pavlova 5

Hotel International Praha

Mama Shelter Prague

The Fizz Prague

Zeitraum Student Housing

**Housing Through Time**

Diamant

Franz by Zeitraum

Grab Villa

Kramář Villa

Laichter House

Trmal Villa

Villa Lanna

Winternitz Villa

**Railways**

Masaryk Railway Station

Praha-Bubny Railway Station

Wilson Station, Prague Main Railway Station

**Religious Buildings**

Church of St. Adalbert

Church of St. Anne – Prague Crossroads

Church of the Hus Congregation in Vinohrady

Church of the Hus Congregation in Vršovice

Church of the Hus Congregation in Zbraslav

Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord

New Synagogue in Libeň

**Specialties**

Fire Station Prague-Ďáblice

New Krenovka

Prague Exhibition Grounds

Vyšehrad Historical Steamship

Zbraslav Bell Foundry – Museum of the Manoušek Bell Foundry

**Sports and Body Care**

City Spa in Žižkov – House of Dance

Great Strahov Stadium

Sokol Gymnasium in Karlín

Sokol Gymnasium in Libeň

Sokol Gymnasium in Nové Město – seat of T. J. Sokol Pražský

Třebešín Velodrome

**Technical and Industrial Buildings**

Boiler House of the General University Hospital in Prague

Letná Water Tower

Pragovka Art District

Štvanice Power Station

Vršovice Waterworks in Michle

**Trade**

ARA Palace – main office of HubHub coworking