

Welcome the New Year in style in the Czech Republic

Prague, 4th November The sound of clinking glasses to the toast, flamboyant celebrations with friends and magnificent fireworks are just some of the many delights the Czech Republic has to offer to its visitors coming to celebrate the end of the year. Are you dreaming about welcoming the New Year as lords of the castle or soaked up in a bath tub full of beer? Maybe it is the romance of a snow covered cottage in the mountains that your heart desires? The Czech Republic offers a wide range of possibilities for saying farewell to the old year and welcoming the new one. Feel free to choose.

Romance in the snow

Do you love fluffy snow, skiing slopes and cheery celebrations with friends? Or do you prefer the peace and silence of the snowy countryside of the mountains? The Czech Republic has it all! In The Giant Mountains in the north of the country you will find not only the highest peak of the Czech Republic, Sněžka, but also a wide range of modern skiing centres: <http://www.giant-mountains.info/>

The mountain range of Jeseníky lies in the east of the country and is equally popular: <http://www.jeseniky.net/index.php?lang=en>

The skiing area at Kvilda in the Šumava Mountains always offers ideal conditions for downhill skiing. Let its dreamy countryside enchant you <http://www.infocentrum-horska-kvilda.cz/de/>. In total, the Czech Republic offers more than 3500 km of cross country skiing tracks and 200 skiing centres of all sizes (www.holidayinfo.cz).

Celebrations in the whirl of the town



Merry-making until the small morning hours will disturb the night's peace of nearly all towns in the country. Many restaurants in Prague are already offering fantastic festive New Year's menus available to book now. You can taste a wonderful swordfish Carpaccio, home-made foie gras terrine or prawns with avocado salad in the Nostress Restaurant. <http://www.nostress.cz/>

The Moravian metropolis of Brno also promises a lovely evening in the company of friends and family. The owners of restaurants and hoteliers alike are busy preparing for a long New Year's party. <http://www2.brno.cz/index.php?lan=en>

The South Bohemian town of Tábor entices its visitors for a combination of a jolly celebration and relaxation. The local dance club Kotnov offers excellent entertainment. You can stay at nearby hotel Dvořák, where you can rejuvenate in the original beer spa BBB or in Cleopatra's milk bath. <http://www.taborcz.eu/EN/>

Celebrate like lords



Have you heard that the New Year's celebrations in the Czech Republic are all about snow and champagne? Well, not so much at the Central Bohemian Castle of Mělník where you can enter the New Year to the rhythm of Cuban dances. Toast 2012 with a Pina Colada poured into a pineapple shell and accompanied by the omnipresent scent of the real Cuban cigars. How is that for an original way of spending the last moments of 2011? <http://www.chateaumcelny.com/en/hotel.php>

If you are looking for a really unforgettable experience, book a night at the Medieval Hotel at Dětenice. A stylish period feast and entertainment are prepared just across the road from the Dětenice Castle. <http://www.mb-net.cz/?page=en,about-the-town>

In the style of Hollywood

An old Czech song says that there where they drink a lot of beer is a good place to live. They will be delighted to prove the song right in the town of Chodová Planá by Tachov, where you can welcome the New Year with friends in the restaurant called Ve Skále (Inside the Rock) or in a tub full of beer. <http://www.pilsen.eu/en/>

Party in a truly Hollywood style, including pampering fit for a film star, in the spa town of Luhačovice in Moravia. An entertaining evening programme includes a surprise gift. <http://lazneluhacovice.cz/en/>

Similarly the spa town of Libverda nearby Frýdlant invites guests to a wellness stay accompanied by a busy programme of activities. The evening full of fun will be finished off in style by a magnificent firework display. <http://www.lazne-libverda.cz/en/>

Should you fancy music and cocktails head south to the Moravian spa town of Lednice. The New Year's programme includes among other things a guided tour of the Lednice Castle and local wine tasting sessions in the wine cellar. <http://www.lednicelazne.cz/>

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