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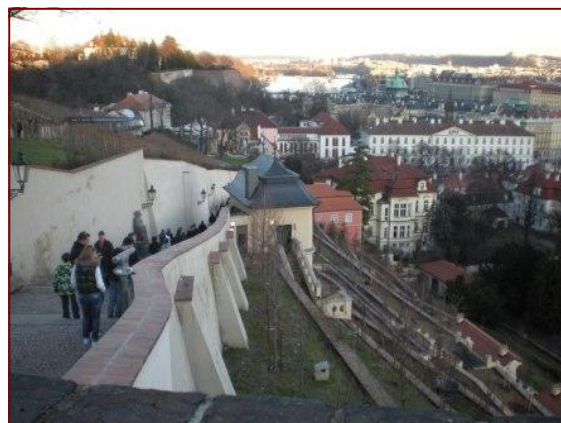
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The Prague Castle (*Pražský hrad*) was founded around 880 by prince Bořivoj of the Premyslid dynasty. The first stone building in the castle area was the Church of the Virgin Mary of which only remnants can be seen today. In the 10th century, St. George's Basilica was founded and the first Czech convent was established there - St. George's Convent, which now houses a gallery. St. Vitus Rotunda, also from the 10th century, was replaced by St. Vitus Basilica in the 11th century, and it is where St. Vitus Cathedral stands today. Starting in the 10th century, Prague Castle served as the seat of Czech princes and later kings, and the seat of the Prague bishop. St. Vitus Cathedral was begun in the 14th century, in the Gothic style, and completed in 1929.

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St Vitus Cathedral at Hradcany



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The Lesser Town started life in the 8th century as a market settlement. In 1257 Premysl Otakar II granted it town status and in 1360-1362 fortifications were built by order of Charles IV. This has been known for centuries as the Hladova Zed (Hunger Wall), built, it is believed, to give employment to the poor during a period of famine.

The Lesser Town was devastated twice: first during a battle between the Hussites and the Prague Castle garrison in 1419, and then in the Great Fire of Prague in 1514. Renaissance buildings and palaces replaced the destroyed houses. The baroque churches and palaces that give the Lesser Town its charm date from the 17th and 18th centuries.

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Mysticism, traditions and the history of the Czech nation unfold their beauty in the centre of old Prague, every time Orloj (the Astronomical Clock) strikes the exact hour.

The history of the square goes back to the 10th century, when the place was one of the favorite market places in the developing town of Prague.

Nowadays the square is filled with tourists, terraces, restaurants, cafés, souvenir shops and galleries, especially at Christmas. Tyn Cathedral's twin spires dominate the square's opposite side from Orloj.

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