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This issue of *Leaders to Follow* ends our series, **Around Prague** (May, June, October and November 2010). Each issue focused on two or three well-known Prague tourist destinations.

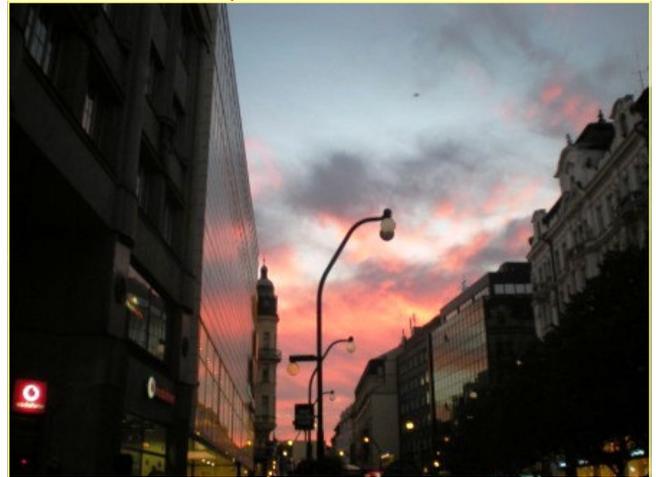
Of course, these glimpses of the beauties of Prague have simply whetted your appetite for the experience of visiting Prague to see it all for yourself! ILI offers *Essential Prague* tours, combining sightseeing with the historical, sociological and cultural significance of the sites visited. The August 2010 *Leaders to Follow* gives details of this program, or you can visit www.ili.cc and click on *Essential Prague*.

With only 1.2 million people, a comprehensive and inexpensive public transportation system and compact, well-defined neighborhoods, Prague is a “person-sized” city that doesn’t overwhelm the visitor like Paris or London. Yet there are so many hidden corners and little-known gems to find over time, that exploring the city never ends.

Any tourist website can give you a summary of the most important cathedrals, churches, monasteries, convents, and basilicas. You can find lists of art galleries, museums, shopping areas and trade fairs.

There are websites devoted to the wide range of architectural styles found in this city: Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, Rococo, Modernist, Cubist and many more, with influences from Italian architects, German sculptors and Bohemian builders.

You can enumerate the saints on Charles Bridge, find out about ossuaries and cemeteries, read about the development of the universities, and learn enough history to get some insights into the monuments, public parks, statues and sculptures, and memorials that abound in Prague.



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In memory of victims tortured to death by communist police

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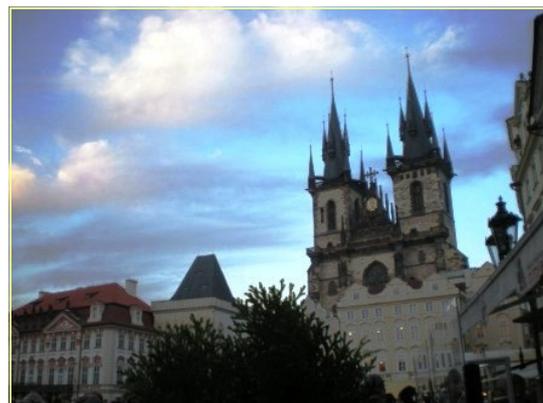
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But to really know this city, to go deeply into its roots and its charms, you would need to spend some time here. And even a lifetime would probably not be enough.

“Prague never seems to let go of you . . . This little mother has claws,” Prague resident Franz Kafka wrote to a friend in 1902. Prague has a well-justified reputation for mystery and even treachery; any city ruled so often and for so long by various foreign kings, emperors, Fuhrers and Party Secretaries has to develop some powerful ways to protect its most secret, vital self.

Prague is old and new, gorgeous and dilapidated, busy and serene, gracious and brusque, captivating and maddening. It is, as they say, the Mother of Cities.



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