

CZECH REPUBLIC VS ENGLAND

EUROPEAN QUALIFIER
FOR UEFA EURO 2020

Friday 11 October 2019
8.45pm (Local Time)

Sinobo Arena (Eden Arena), Prague



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MEMBER INFORMATION

With over 3700 members making this trip to Prague we hope you follow the lead of others and help make the experience of following the England team a positive experience for all.

There will be a zero tolerance policy on anti-social behaviour at the Czech Republic match in Prague. Any members behaving unacceptably either before, during or after the match will be suspended from the membership and may be:

- Removed from the stadium.
- Have any UEFA EURO 2020 tickets withdrawn.
- Issued with a Football Banning Order.
- Reported to the police and face possible criminal proceedings.

The FA continues to work hard to ensure a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all supporters. If you witness any racist, homophobic, xenophobic or anti-social behaviour before, during or after the match, you can report it in confidence by emailing englandsupportersclub@TheFA.com or by calling or texting us on +44 (0)7970146250 (this number is printed on the back of your membership card).

The FA will always investigate reports of inappropriate behaviour at an England game. For more information regarding fan behaviour at England matches, please refer to the 'Rules of Membership'.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) advise that visitors of the Czech Republic do not need a visa to enter however they must have a valid passport with at least 6 months remaining.

Remember to bring your [European Health Insurance Card \(EHIC\)](#) in the event you need to seek medical advice or receive treatment. It's also important that you take out travel insurance before you leave for Czech Republic as this can cover you in the event your belongings are stolen, your flights are cancelled or you require emergency medical treatment.

Information produced in this Travel Guide was correct at the time of writing - we always advise supporters to check the FCO in the event of changes.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 112 and ask for an ambulance. If you're sent to hospital or another medical facility for treatment, you should contact your travel insurance provider immediately.

You must carry a form of photo ID with you at all times in the Czech Republic. The police can fine and arrest you if you fail to provide ID when asked.

Tap water in Prague is safe to drink however drinking alcohol in the streets is banned in the Old Town area and on public transport. If you're caught drinking by police in banned areas, you face an on-the-spot fine of 1000 CZK (approximately £35).

If you're in the Czech Republic and need urgent help if you've been attacked, arrested or someone has died you must call +420 257 2111. If you're in the UK and worried about someone who's travelled to the Czech Republic for the England match, please call 0207 008 1500.

Address: Thunovska 14, 11800, Prague, Czech Republic.

If your passport is lost or stolen whilst in the Czech Republic, you will need to contact the British Embassy in Prague using the details above. Please be aware that you may be charged for some of their services.

Whilst in the Czech Republic, take care of yourself and your belongings in the same way you would do in the UK. Report any thefts in person to the Czech police within 24hrs and get a crime reference number. Prague police station is open 24hrs a day and has English translators – it is located close to Mustek metro stop.

Every lamppost in Prague has a 6 digit number printed on it. If you need police or ambulance assistance, (when calling) please quote the code on the nearest lamppost so that they are able to locate you.

Petty theft is a problem in major tourist areas in Prague so try to avoid busy carriages on the metro and trams and do not leave your belongings unattended.

The Czech Republic (also known as Czechia)

Is a country in central Europe bordering Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Poland. It's capital and largest city is Prague with 1.3 million residents.

Prior to January 1993, Czech Republic and Slovakia were part of the Republic of Czechoslovakia. After World War Two, the Slovakian part of the country was occupied by Germany and the Czech part having been liberated by the Soviet Union and the USA was under Soviet influence – eventually leading to Czechoslovakia being peacefully dissolved into the two independent states in 1993.

Over the last 26 years the Czech Republic has established itself as one of the leading countries of commerce in central and Eastern Europe. Czech residents benefit from universal healthcare, a predominantly stable economy and tuition-free university education.



PRAGUE

Prague is a very beautiful city containing a 14th century stone bridge, ancient chapels, a hillside castle and a winding river (Vltava).

The most visited sites in Prague also include the Astronomical Clock which is located in Old Town Square. A few blocks from the Old Town Square visitors can find plenty of cafes, bars and market stalls containing souvenirs and local delicacies.

Whilst many shops in the centre of Prague accept Euros, it is recommended that you take Czech Koruna with you as some of the privately owned bars and cafes only accept cash or credit card.

As you're probably aware, Prague is famous for its beers. There are plenty of microbreweries offering tours as well as the Prague Beer Museum which offers the 'Real Deal Ale' which is brewed and exclusively sold at the museum.

In terms of Prague's 'New Town' (Nové Město) fans bringing juniors with them can visit Czech Repubrick – a Lego museum. In Manifesto Market Florenc you'll find loads of different food stalls, local produce and independent bars. Be aware that Manifesto Market is cashless so only credit/debit cards are accepted.

GETTING AROUND PRAGUE

If you travel on public transport in Prague you must buy a ticket before you travel and validate it when you board. You'll be fined 600 CZK (approximately £22) on the spot if you travel without a ticket or with a ticket that has not been validated.

To travel into the city from Prague airport you can either book an airport transfer, taxi or take bus number 119 to Nádraží Veleslavín metro station (line A).

Prague's city centre is compact and easy to get around on foot however; you can travel around the city via tram: Tram 9 runs from Wenceslas Square to the other side of the river in Lesser Town. Tram 22 runs from the National Theatre and up to Prague Castle.

Trams run every 10 minutes between 4.30am and midnight. To view the Prague tram map, [click here](#).

The metro (subway) covers all areas of the city centre and operates from 5am-midnight. There are 3 metro lines: A (green), B (yellow) and C (red). The vast majority of metro stops are wheelchair accessible and offer a quick way of getting from one side of the river to the other. For more information on the metro, [click here](#).

If you're keen to try something different, you can take the Funicular Railway which runs from Úzед to the top of Petrin Hill. Tickets purchased for the metro and trams can be used for the Funicular and once at the top of Petrin Hill, you can visit the observatory, mirror maze and the observation tower for stunning views of Prague.

Basic Czech phrases

Yes = Ano

No = Ne

Please = Prosím (proseem)

Thank you = Děkuji vam (dye-kooyi vam)

Hello = Dobrýden (dobree den)

Hi (or bye) = Ahoj (ah-hoy)

Goodbye = Na sheldanou (naskhedanow)

My name is = Jmenuji se (menoo-yi se)

Do you speak English? = Mluvíte anglicky? (mloo-veete anglitskee)

I don't speak Czech = Nemluvím česky (nem-loo-veem chehskee)

SINOBO STADIUM

Sinobo stadium is the most modern football stadium in the Czech Republic and is the home of SK Slavia Prague and occasionally the Czech Republic national team.

Previously known as the Eden Arena, Sinobo stadium was originally built in the 1950s and accommodated 50,000 standing supporters. The original stadium also featured an athletics track but under communist rule fell into disrepair – several attempts were made during the 1980s and 1990s to rebuild and improve the facilities but Slavia Prague was unable to raise funds until 2003.

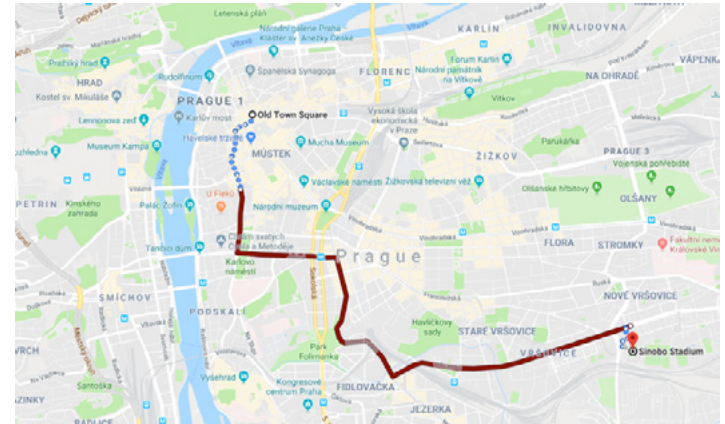
Finally in 2005 construction started on a new stadium and the ground reopened in May 2008 with a match against Oxford University AFC featuring former Czech stars Pavel Kuka and Patrick Berger.

Today, the stadium has a capacity of 21,000 and in addition to football also hosts concerts – artists including Metallica, Coldplay and Bruce Springsteen have all played at the Sinobo Stadium in recent years.

The capacity for England's fixture is 19,378.

GETTING TO THE STADIUM

The stadium has a tram stop close by called 'Slavia'. You can get to the ground by taking trams 4, 7, 22 and 24 from the city centre. The nearest metro station is Želivského and the journey takes approximately 35 minutes.



You can also reach the stadium via bus services 135, 136 and 150, alighting at U Slavie street which is to the west of the stadium.

To view the timetables and maps for trams, buses and metros to the stadium, please [click here](#).

STADIUM ACCESS

It's not possible to park directly at the stadium; however there are car parks that are within walking distance. Supporters are advised that each car park only has the capacity for 70 cars so availability is limited and the price to park is approximately 300 CZK (approximately £12) for a car.

For more information and view the locations please [click here](#).

Once at the stadium, there will be a ticket check at the turnstiles which then leads to the search areas. All supporters will undergo a body and bag search – if you do need to bring a bag with you, please ensure its no larger than an A4 piece of paper and do not bring any bottles (including bottles of perfume or cosmetics) as these will be thrown away.

All England fans can enter the stadium via Gate 3.

Turnstiles will open two hours before kick-off. If you wish to hang flags, we recommend arriving when turnstiles open. Please be aware if you arrive early to hang your flags, you will not be allowed to leave the stadium and return.

No alcohol is to be consumed at the stadium; however non-alcoholic beer will be available.

We do not anticipate a hold-back for England supporters after the game, but please listen to any stadium announcements.

STADIUM REGULATIONS

The Czech Republic Football Association have instructed all ticketholders to bring a form of photo ID with them, alongside their ticket when attending the match.

Please note the following stadium regulations:

- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the stadium.
- Pyrotechnic devices including flares and fireworks are not permitted.
- Fans without valid tickets will not be allowed to enter the stadium.
- Supporters must be able to show a valid ticket and photo ID when requested to do so by stewards, security staff or police.
- The Sinobo Stadium has the right to refuse entry to anyone who is believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol and has the right to remove them at any time.
- Bottles, glasses, cans, sticks and any other blunt or pointed weapons are not permitted into the stadium
- Flags or banners displaying discriminative or provocative text or images will not be permitted into the stadium
- Small bags (no bigger than an A4 piece of paper) are allowed in the stadium but will be subject to security checks.

The full UEFA Stadium and security regulations can be found [here](#).

TICKET COLLECTION POINT

Please bring either your current 2018-2020 Travel Club membership card or any up-to-date photo ID to collect your ticket.

If you're part of a group, each member must collect their ticket in person. Please be aware that all members of the group do not have to collect at the same time but it will not be possible for another member (or non-member) to collect your ticket on your behalf.

To help save time when collecting tickets, we advise members to know the name of the lead booker in their order.

Travel Club members will be able to collect their tickets at the following locations during the stated opening hours:

Address

Hilton Prague Old Town

V Celnici 7

110 00 Nové Město

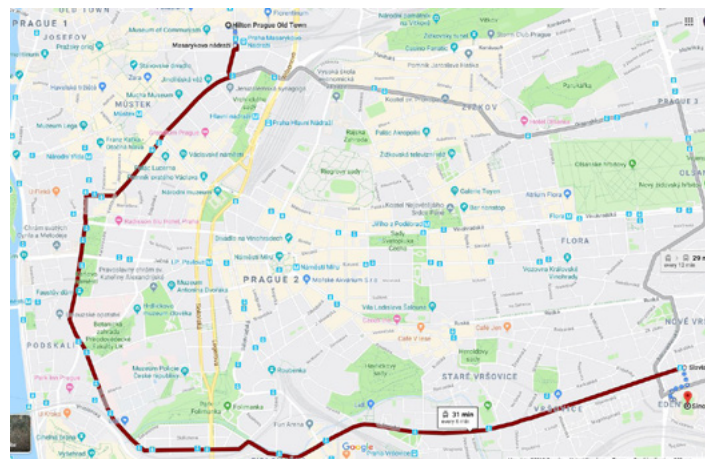
Prague

Opening times:

Thursday 10 October: 4-8pm

Friday 11 October: 10am - 6pm (local time)

Please be aware that FA staff have the right to refuse tickets to members who are abusive and/or visibly intoxicated upon arrival at the Ticket Collection Point.



At the stadium

A ticket collection booth will be close to Gate 4 at the Sinobo stadium from 7pm-8.45pm.

If you choose to arrive at the stadium with less than 45 minutes before kick-off, you may miss the start of the match due to queues. We therefore strongly advise all supporters to arrive at the stadium at least an hour before kick-off.

If you need to get in touch with the England Supporters Club on matchday and your query is related to the Czech Republic fixture please call or text +44 (0) 7970 146 250. This number is also printed on your membership card.



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