



ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2009/2010
JANÁČEK ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS
AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 11 2009
INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

Where does the course take place?

The EILC course takes place in BRNO, Czech Republic at the Janáček Academy of Music and Performing Arts.

Address:

JAMU

Rectorate

Department of Foreign Languages

Beethovenova 2

662 15 Brno, Czech Republic

Web Site:

www.jamu.cz

<http://english.jamu.cz/>

Location (Google map):

JAMU



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Courses Description

Objectives

Beginners/Pre-Intermediate:

mastering basic Czech in everyday situations, basics of Czech grammar, ability to read easy Czech texts and headlines.

Intermediate/advanced students:

New vocabulary practised in useful topics, everyday conversation, more grammar rules and ability to understand the core of more difficult texts.

Besides that, the students will learn a lot not only about their schoolmates, but also about the Czech Republic, its history, traditions and present time.

Teaching methods

The teaching methods used are numerous, the most important being the communicative method, which makes students put the acquired knowledge immediately into practice. The method involves pair-work, grammar games, interactive games, gap-filling, conversation, listening, reading Czech books and newspapers, pronunciation games. Other methods (drills, audio-visual, translation..) are also occasionally used, if they suit the needs.

The teachers usually use the textbook "Communicative Czech", level "Elementary" or "Intermediate", written by Ivana Rešková and Magdalena Pintarová. Besides this book a lot of other materials, often tailor-made by the teachers, are used, as well as adapted activities from supplementary materials for teaching other languages.

There will be a **final written test** based on what the students have acquired in the lessons. Having successfully passed the final test, students will get a Certificate – in value of 6 ECTS credits, recognized by European universities.



In total the course will consist of 164 hours of lessons, 80 lessons will be taught in the classroom, 24 lesson of conversation and 60 practical lessons (practical lessons in towns, castles, etc.).

Students will have access to two classrooms equipped with computers connected to the Internet. The classrooms are open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. every weekday. English and Czech dictionaries are also available but students prefer either the Internet or their own bilingual dictionaries.

Each classroom has a white board, tape recorder, CD player and/or a DVD player and a video player. There is also a photocopier and a printer in the teachers' office, which students can take advantage of.

Extra Mural Activities - Site Visits

We would like to show you the rich cultural life, historical traditions and, at the same time, modern achievements. You will be offered trips to many interesting places including Brno's historic centre, castles (Austerlitz, Vranov, Pernštejn, Veverí, Špilberk and its casemates), unique historical towns (some of them on UNESCO list – Slavonice, Telč, Olomouc), natural phenomena (Moravian Karst – abyss Machocha and caves), and traditional events (an open wine cellars day in Čejkovice). Students may also take advantage of staying near Vienna (the capital of Austria) and make a trip there.

Reception of Students

Students are expected to check in at the hall of residence IVU Centre Astorka (address and location see below in „Accommodation“ paragraph) on Monday, August 17, 2009. The introductory session starts on the same Monday at 4 p.m at JAMU, 2 Beethovenova street, Brno. As of the next day, Tuesday, August 18, classes start at 8,30 a.m. in the same place. Each participant will be given a map of the city centre and a tour of Brno will be provided to make students familiar with the city centre.

How to reach Brno?

By plane:

You can fly directly to Brno, there are regular flights from London/Stansted – Brno, Moscow/Vnukovo – Brno and Prague – Brno.

Visit:

<http://www.airport-brno.cz>



By plane and coach/train:

You can fly to Prague, Vienna (Austria) or Bratislava (Slovak Republic) and then continue to Brno by coach or train. Brno is an important crossing station of European Railways and is easily accessible from various places. The bus and train connections can be found on www.idos.cz.

Visit:

http://www.prg.aero/en/site/uvodni_stranka.htm

<http://www.viennaairport.com>

<http://www.airportbratislava.sk>

<http://www.idos.cz>

Transport in Brno

As for public transport Brno has a very efficient city transport system – provided by trams, buses and trolley buses. Monthly passes (basic rate) cost 530,- CZK or tickets (basic ticket 2 zones – 10 minutes 14,- CZK for direct connection, 15 minutes 18,- CZK and 60 minutes 22,- CZK with transfers).

Monthly passes and tickets can be bought at the office of Dopravní podnik města Brna (Brno Public Transport Company), 18 Novobranská street, Brno (close to JAMU's dormitory IVU Centre Astorka) from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are sold also in vending machines at the tram/bus stops, at tram or bus drivers (basic 60 minutes ticket 30,-CZK) or at tabacconist shops.

As JAMU's dormitory is situated near the Department of Foreign Languages, where the courses will take place, you will not have to use public transport every day. Inside the town it is enough to buy a 2 zones basic ticket (zones 100 a 101) for 10, 15 or 60 minutes (depends on the distance and connection with/without transfers). The time (in minutes) of a journey from one stop to another is indicated at the timetables at tram, bus or trolley bus stations (a small number next to the name of each stop). If you travel by public transport with your suitcase (bigger than 20 x 30 x 50 cm), you should also buy a reduced 2 zones ticket for 10, 15 or 60 minutes (depends on the distance and connection).

Visit:

<http://www.dpmb.cz/>



Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by JAMU's own dormitory IVU Centre Astorka, which is conveniently situated in the same building as the library. Astorka is a modern and well-equipped hall of residence offering twin-bedded rooms and three-bed rooms, cooking facilities and access to the Internet. The fee is 55,- CZK for computer (you have to bring your own laptop) and 60,- CZK fee for using Internet.

The price for a twin-bedded room is 302 CZK/per night/per person (= 2114 CZK per week) and for a three-bed room 230 CZK/per night/per person (= 1610 CZK per week). Payment by credit card (Visa, Maestro, American Express) or cash. Accommodation must be paid after arrival.

Address:

IVU Centrum Astorka

Novobranská 3

602 00 Brno

Reception - tel.: +420 542 592 111

Location (Google map):

[Astorka](#)

Check-in:

August 17 2009, from 10 a. m.

Opening hours of JAMU Library:

August – CLOSED, **September** – OPEN Monday - Friday, 10 a. m. - 4 p. m.

Meals

There are many restaurants, cafés, fast food shops etc. in the city centre. Lunch menu in restaurants costs approximately 80,-CZK.

Description of Town

Practical information about life in Brno

Other practical information about life in Brno such as money exchange, credit card payments, health insurance etc. can be found on the JAMU English webpage or the webpage of the Brno Tourist Information Centre (TIC Brno).

Short History and Location

With the population of 400 000 people, Brno is a city with long history and rich cultural traditions. Brno, the capital city of Moravia arose on merchant routes leading from the Alps to northern Europe. The history of Brno has a substantially central-European character (Czech and German elements merged together) and there is a clear influence of Vienna (the capital of Austria). Brno was given town rights in 1243 by king Václav I.

Brno is located in the south of Moravia, not far from Vienna. Brno is surrounded by beautiful countryside suitable for all kinds of sports – hiking, cycling, swimming, horse riding, etc. A lot of historical monuments, houses, churches and castles can be found both in Brno and in its surroundings. The Moravian Karst with its famous caves and an abyss is within an easy reach from Brno. Brno is also close to the main folklore centres of Moravia where traditions are still alive.

Main Local and Cultural Events

Brno offers quite a rich cultural life in August and September. There are lots of theatres, cinemas, clubs and discos. Events of the Brno Cultural Summer Festival are very popular and numerous (concerts, open-air performances, etc.). International Festival of Street Theatre takes place in Brno from the 25th to the 30th August 11th.

Sports Facilities

All types of sports facilities are available – swimming pools, tennis courts, horse riding areas, cycle paths, in-line skating paths, hiking routes, golf course.

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