

There are several ways how to get from Prague to Hradec Králové, but which is the best one?

This short manual will help you with:



Moving from the airport to the main train station



Finding the right timetables



Making it to Hradec Králové with ease



From Prague Airport "Letiště Václava Havla" to main train station



The easiest way is to catch the Airport Express bus from the Airport to the train station "Hlavní nádraží" (Main Station) and then go by train to Hradec.

Your journey starts at Prague Airport, sometimes called as "Letiste Vaclava Havla". This airport has two terminal buildings. Terminal 1 is purposed for flights from non-Schengen area, while Terminal 2 is purposed for inside-Schengen flights. From surroundings of both buildings, you can take a special bus called Airport Express, providing direct interconnection of air, rail and urban mass transit. This bus will take you the fastest way through Prague city center to the Main Railway station ("Praha Hlavni Nadrazi").

Leave the Terminal building and find a bus stop. This bus stop will have a sign AE. The bus departs every 30 minutes (each day from 5:30 AM till 9 PM) and it takes around 45 minutes to get to the Main Railway station (it depends on a traffic situation).

The Airport Express bus tickets may be purchased in the Visitor Centre at Arrival Hall or directly from the driver. The cost is 100 CZK, luggages are free of charge. You can pay only in CZK, so please change some money at the Terminal building.

It will take around 50 minutes to get to the Main Railway station ("Praha Hlavní nadrazi") by Airport Express bus. It is the last stop and it is situated in front of Fanta's building ("Fantova budova").



Departures AE Terminal 1

5:30	6:00	6:30
7:00	7:30	8:00
8:30	9:00	9:30
10:00	10:30	11:00
11:30	12:00	12:30
13:00	13:30	14:00
14:30	15:00	15:30
16:00	16:30	17:00
17:30	18:00	18:30
19:00	19:30	20:00
20:30	21:00	



Fantova budova - historical part of the main train station in Prague



Check also our video guide on youtube. Simply search for UHK guide. (Please note that some info - for example the prices of public transport - might change)



Alternative

You can also take the bus number 119 from the buildings of Terminal 1 and 2 (useful in case you will come to the airport between 9 PM and 5:30 AM), but you'd have to change to subway in that case. Check the connection here: https://idos.idnes.cz/en/praha/spojeni/ (From: "Terminal 1" or "Terminal 2", To: "Hlavní nádraží")



From Prague main train station to Hradec Králové



After entering the Main Station building, go downstairs and find a place called "ČD centrum". There you need to find a window with sign Domestic lines ("Vnitrostátní jízdenky") and wait in a row. Your task is to ask for a single ticket to Hradec Králové [hradets kra:love:]. The price is a little bit more than 100 CZK.

Once you have the ticket, it's time to check information board with departure times. Please, make sure, that the train you chose is going via Hradec Kralove hl.n. Sometimes it is not the main destinantion, so you can check on the oficial stops just to be sure.

You need to check a platform number, which is the second information from the right side and it will be available 10 minutes before the train's departure. The last on the right is delay time, don't panic if your train is delayed, just wait, it's pretty common.

When it's time, go through an underground passage to your platform. To get there, follow blue signs "Nástupiště" (Platform). Remember, your destination is Hradec Králové.

The journey from Prague railway station to Hradec Kralove takes about 1h 40min.

Timetables

You can find all the timetables of every public transport in the Czech republic on a website www.idos.cz/en You can find there also all of the trains going from Prague to Hradec Králové





Sherwood without Robin Hood

If you have time, you can take a walk around. The old part of the station is built in the style of Art Nouveau, and it's worth seeing. Just be careful! Even though the Czech Republic is ranked in the top 10 safest countries globally every year, there is still a higher risk of crime (mainly pickpockets) in some areas. One of these areas, a small park known by locals as "Sherwood" for its criminal reputation, is directly in front of the main train station in Prague. So please keep in mind that it would be wise not to go there. And anywhere you are, please keep your luggage with you at all times and beware of pickpockets.

