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Events in Prague

Written by Natálie G. and Sabina P.

Wonderland Praha

On September 26th 2025, a new amusement park called Wonderland Praha will open in Letňany. It will feature beautiful lights, new rides, and a magical winter feeling. The park will remain open until January 11th 2026, allowing visitors to enjoy it during Christmas and New Year.

Festival of sci-fi films, future gate

If you're a fan of science fiction, you should definitely visit the Future Gate Festival. This event showcases new sci-fi films from around the world. Visitors can also take part in discussions, view exhibitions, and meet other people who love futuristic movies.

Octoberfest in Malešický mikro pivovar

In Malešice microbrewery, you can join a special Octoberfest celebration until October 5th. There will be different kinds of beer, traditional food, and live music. It is a smaller event than the famous Octoberfest in Munich, but it still offers a warm and friendly atmosphere.



Parkour races in Chuchle arena Prague

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The Eliot Prize will take place from October 10th to 12th, marking the end of the show jumping season at Chuchle Arena Prague for the seventh time. Eliot was the show jumping horse of František Ventura, who won gold the 1928 Olympic Games. In his honor, races have been held at the Chuchle Arena Prague for the sixth year.

Pumpkin exhibition at the Botanical Garden in Troja

With the arrival of autumn, the popular seasonal fruits, pumpkins, returns to the Troja Botanical Garden, this time in the sign of ghosts. Visitors will discover spooky arrangements and decorations in the garden area. Special events include Pumpkin Play, spooky Creative Workshops, and pumpkin lantern making.



Pumpkin exhibition at the Botanical Garden in Troja



Love Island

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What is Love Island?

Love island is a reality TV show where a group of young men and women live together in a sunny villa and try to find love.

The main theme

When they arrive, they do a recoupling, and they are tested in some challenges. Also, every day they receive new messages from the producers about the program of the day. Sometimes they play games, and sometimes they have parties or workouts.

Fireplace

The most important part of the day is "fire night" – they sit next to a fireplace and wait for the main character, Zorka Hejdová.

Zorka Hejdová is the moderator, and she creates all the drama. For example, she sends people home, asks some spicy questions, or gives keys to the Hideaway.

The Hideaway is a room without cameras, where the Love Islanders have some private time so they can talk about serious topics.

The new villa

This year is the fifth season of Love Island. There is one important change: the contestants live in a different villa. The villa is much bigger, but the fans do not like it. The fans have a huge influence on the drama. They can download an app and vote for their favourite couple and see behind the scenes.

Casa Amor

One of the most important challenges for the islanders is Casa Amor. Casa Amor is another villa, where new contestants arrive and try to impress the islanders. When some of the original islanders choose to couple up with them, they take them to the main villa. The old couple is broken up – and the drama can start.

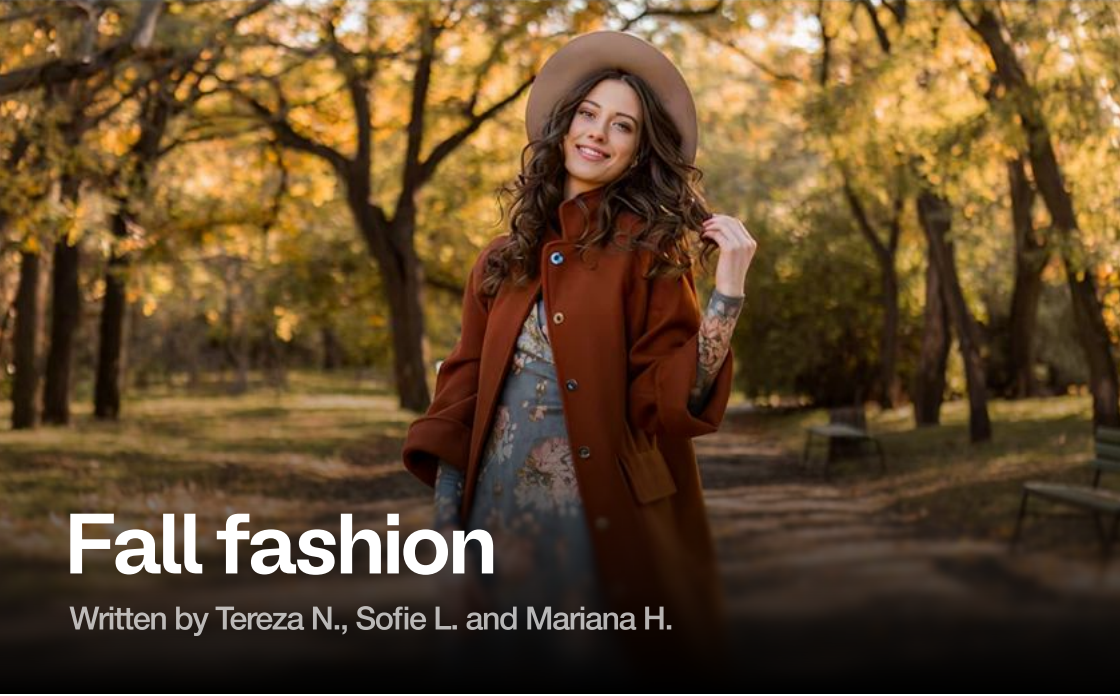
The winning part

The show lasts for two months, and in the end, the winning couple receives a prize of 2,000,000 Czech crowns.

But the real question is: Did they find true love, or were they just playing the game?

The new villa





Fall fashion

Written by Tereza N., Sofie L. and Mariana H.

People in Europe generally start wearing fall clothes in September, though the transition depends on the specific location and weather. Every year trends change but some stay the same or they evolve. The most usual colour for fall season is brown or beige. People are wearing coats, scarfs, high boots, jeans, leather pants etc. If you want some warm and comfortable shoes, the most popular type are Uggs and a more masculine option are Timberlands. Uggs are more elegant and Timberlands are more fashionable and streetwear.

An option for a jacket or a coat can be trench coat, leather jacket usually in dark colors or a more streetwear version is the Carhartt jacket. Especially if you style it with Timberlands.

Another way of making your outfits look more stylish is jewellery or polishing your nails. The most popular color that people wear in autumn is dark red.



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Signal Festival

Written by Kája K. and Nely F.

What is Signal Festival?

Signal Festival is Prague's annual festival of light and digital culture that transforms the city into an interactive art gallery. The city hosts a variety of installations, projections, and interactive artworks that combine modern technology, art, and architecture, bringing iconic Prague locations to life. This year, for the first time in the festival's history, you can look forward to a 3D projection on the water wall at Dvořákovo nábreží.

This year's schedule

Signal Festival will take place from October 16th to 19th. You can explore it along two routes – Centrum and Vinohrady. There will be 20 installations, and the accompanying program invites you to discover the city and engage in discussions on current topics. You can come at any time and choose your own pace, ideally using the festival map to orient yourself. The program runs every day from 19:00 to 24:00.

How can you get the tickets?

Seven out of twenty installations are internal and they are charged. You can purchase them on their official website – signalfestival.com. The price ranges from 340 CZK to 1690 CZK. The remaining installations are freely accessible.

Photo: Signal festial





F1: The Movie

Written by Laura P. and Michaela H.

Movie Formula 1 was released on July 26, 2025. It's an American sports drama with plenty of action. You don't need to be an F1 fan to enjoy it, the plot will draw you in even if you know nothing about the sport. Directed by Joseph Kosinski, the film runs for two and a half hours. The main characters are played by famous actors such as Brad Pitt (Sonny) and Damson Idris (JP). An interesting fact is that real Formula 1 drivers make appearances, and the soundtrack features music from artists like Don Toliver, Doja Cat, Tate McRae, and Ed Sheeran.

Here's a little bit about the plot. Movie F1 is an exciting movie about the world of Formula 1 racing. The story is about talented drivers competing in races. The movie shows the behind of these races, the pressure drivers needs to face, how risky and dangerous this sport can be and the rivalry between drivers as they want to win every race and become the champions. This movie shows not only the F1 world but also importance of relationships and friendships.



Technology of 2025

Written by Viki C., Pája Č. and Luci D.

New Apple products

Apple is replacing the iPhone 17 Plus with the new iPhone 17 Air, its thinnest iPhone yet and positioned between the standard 17 and the 17 Pro.

Alongside it, Apple introduced the AirPods Pro 3, marking the biggest leap in its wireless earbuds in years.

They deliver 2× better noise cancellation, improved sound, a redesigned fit, Live Translation for real conversations, and heart-rate tracking for workouts.

At \$249 — the same as the previous generation — they remain pricier than the AirPods 4, but stand out with silicone tips, stronger noise isolation, and superior ANC.

Flying cars

Chinese flying car companies like XPeng AeroHT and GAC Group showcased their electric vertical take-off and landing. The cars unfortunately crashed into each other and caught on fire.

Meta AI glasses

Meta has launched its most advanced smart glasses yet - the Ray-Ban Display. They support popular streaming services through voice commands and come in new stylish frame designs with adaptive lenses. The price starts at \$799 🤖

Meta AI glasses – Ray-Ben Display





ANO 2011



ANO – led by Andrej Babiš. Focus on economy and “better lives.”

Standing: ~30%, strongest party, popular with middle-aged voters.

Leader: Andrej Babiš

Campaign: Heavy on social media, criticizes govt, promises lower prices/taxes (often misleading).

Goals: Improve hospitals, cut taxes, keep crown, reduce energy costs, invest in renewables.



SPOLU



SPOLU (Together) – coalition of ODS, TOP 09, KDU-ČSL. Promotes lower taxes, tradition, personal responsibility.

Standing: Main rival to ANO (20% vs 30%). Strong among students and young grads, balanced demographics.

Leaders: Petr Fiala, Jana Černochová, Jiří Pospíšil, Jan Lipavský.

Goals: Modernize education, accessible healthcare (esp. seniors), green energy, strong defense, balanced budgets, efficient taxes, protect democracy, media freedom, pro-EU foreign policy.



SPD

SPD (Freedom and Direct Democracy) – right-wing, nationalist, Eurosceptic party led by Tomio Okamura. Focuses on cheap living, anti-migration, traditional family, and limiting EU power.

Leaders: Tomio Okamura, Radim Fiala.

Goals: Cheaper energy/food, affordable housing, stop illegal migration, keep crown, direct democracy, welfare only for Czech citizens, defend family, oppose LGBTQ+ rights, accessible healthcare, no higher taxes.



Starostové a nezávislí

STAN (Mayors and Independents) – a centrist party built on local governance and regional leaders. They emphasize practical solutions, transparency, and bringing the perspective of towns and municipalities into national politics.

Standing: Steady support, important coalition player.

Leader: Vít Rakušan (Interior Minister).

Goals: Tax cuts in key sectors, stronger EU/NATO cooperation, easier law implementation, tackle housing crisis with state-backed building and subsidies.



Česká pirátská strana

Česká pirátská strana was founded in 2009. Today they cover all political and social themes and are putting effort into discussion, transparency and decision making based on data and information.

Leader: Zdeněk Hřib

The Pirates are representing citizens of The Czech republic on all political levels – communal, regional councils, the Chamber of deputies and the European parliament.



Stačilo!

Stačilo! – left-wing movement founded in 2024 by KSČM, ČSNS, SD-SN, later joined by SOCDEM. Presents itself as the voice of dissatisfied citizens.

Standing: New alliance aiming to unite left-wing voters.

Leaders: Kateřina Konečná, Jana Maláčová, Michal Klusáček, Alena Dernerová.

Goals: Affordable housing, cheaper groceries & energy, free education & healthcare, fair taxes, strong social protection and pensions, defense focused only on protecting Czech territory (no foreign wars).



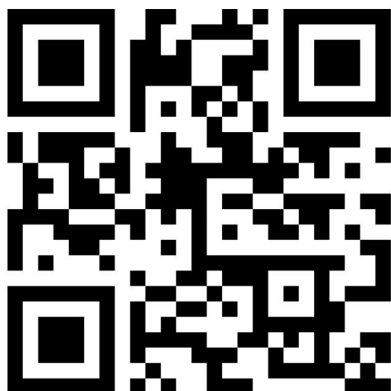
Motoristé sobě

Motoristé sobě – a party founded in 2022, centered on drivers' rights and practical everyday issues.

Leader: Petr Macinka.

Goals: Lower taxes and bureaucracy, keep CZK, defend gas cars, cheap energy, better healthcare in smaller towns, support farmers, oppose strict green policies.

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