



How to get to Olomouc and Congress Venue from the Vaclav Havel Airport in Prague?

Do you land in Prague and look for way to Congress Venue? You have use train connection Prague-Olomouc as the most easy and comfortable (and quickest!) travelling option. The first necessary step is to take some Czech money (Czech Crowns, CZK) – there are exchange offices as well as cash machines already at the airport in Prague.

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There are two companies operating between the Vaclav Havel Airport and the Main railway station in Prague. The first one is *Prague Public Transport Company* with a lot of lines of buses, trams as well as Metro (= underground), bus- and tram-lines are coded using numbers. This option is cheaper (34 CZK), but you have change line twice (bus-metro-metro).

The second option, recommended by us, is using *České dráhy (ČD)*, the state railway company, operating just one bus-line connecting DIRECTLY the Vaclav Havel Airport and the Main railway station Prague. This bus-line is coded as **AE** (= Airport Express). The **AE** bus line operates daily in regular 30-minute intervals (20-minute intervals between 9:00 and 15:00). In the direction of Prague Airport, this connection can be used from 5:30 to 21:00. There are two stops at the airport; both are signed using green-white **AE** logo (fig. →):

- *Praha letiště/Airport (BUS), Terminál 1*: The stop is situated in the municipal transit area in front of the Letiště Praha, Terminál 1 check-in hall. Terminal 1 is for flights to countries outside of the Schengen zone.
- *Praha letiště/Airport (BUS), Terminál 2*: The stop is situated in the municipal transit area in front of the Letiště Praha, Terminál 2 check-in hall. Terminal 2 is for flights to countries in the Schengen zone.

Price of one ticket is 60 CZK; you can buy ticket in kiosk inside the airport hall or directly in bus. In bus you cannot pay by high paper-money; beside coins, paper money of 100CZK or 200CZK denominations are accepted only. It is not possible to use regular Prague Integrated Transport (PID) tickets for individual journeys or prepaid PID time tickets valid for the territory of Prague on bus line **AE** as both are purchased by another transport company. On **AE** buses you can transport your luggages for free. If you will travel by **AE** bus, the terminus is "Prague Main Station = Praha, hlavní nádraží"; use elevator (fig. ↓) to go to station hall to buy ticket and/or go to platform.



There are three companies operating direct trains between Prague and Olomouc: *České dráhy (ČD)*, *LEO Express* and *RegioJet*. Train operator *ČD* is the easiest - ticket is valid for whole day, all trains (except the highest level SC). Other operators are perhaps better (more comfortable, free WiFi in *RJ* trains) but there is necessary to have seat reservation prior arrival for particular train. *ČD* operates with trains SuperCity (SC), InterCity (IC), EuroCity (EC), and slowest one express (R). Prices of train tickets for *ČD* are 220 CZK (IC, EC, R) or 255 CZK (SC) respectively, SC is seat reservations compulsory train.

LEO Express and *RegioJet* have seat reservations compulsory trains only; price depends on time you buy ticket, as both sell tickets via internet e-shops too. Nevertheless price is lower or similar to tickets of *ČD*. **Ticket offices of all three companies are situated in the lowest floor of the railway hall in Prague.**

In next downloadable files you can see list of trains from Prague to Olomouc for Sunday, July 20. There are trains of *ČD* as well as trains of both *LEO Express* and *RegioJet*. In another files you can find the maps for your orientation in Olomouc. Hotel Arigone as well as both pensions lay in half an hour walking distance from railway station; it can be longer if you go with heavy wheel-suitcase as historical paving is not wheel-friendly. If you want you can take a taxi. Student Dormitory and Congress Venue are in a shorter distance. You can see all maps you need – from railway station to your accommodation as well as from your hotel/pension to Congress Venue. All maps are in aerial photograph as well as simple block plane versions.