

National symbols of the Czech Republic

The **national symbols of the Czech Republic** are flags, heraldry, cultural expressions and other symbols that represent the Czech Republic, Czech people and their history, culture and nationhood. There are six official symbols which are declared in the Constitution of the Czech Republic. However many other historical, cultural and geographical symbols of the Czech Republic and Czech people do exist.

Constitutional symbols



Coat of arms



small coat of arms



Official tricolor



National flag



Flag of the president



Official seal

Unofficial symbols

Linden Tree



The linden (lime) tree became a symbol of protection, help and love for its fragrance, lovely tree crown and gentle shadow. People believed that it could drive away evil spirits, and with its energy it would get rid of grim thoughts. At the All-Slavic Congress in Prague in 1848, the lime tree officially became a Slavic tree. Since then, Czechs have also considered it their national tree.

Landmarks



The Charles Bridge



Říp Mountain, a legendary place



Blaník, a legendary mountain



Prague and the Prague castle



Forefather Čech the legendary founder of Czech nation



Wenceslaus I, Duke of Bohemia



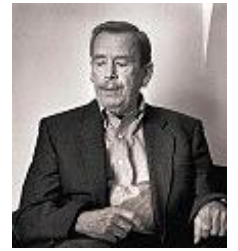
Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor



Jan Hus, religious reformist



Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk



**Václav Havel
first Czechoslovak president
first Czech president**

Czech cuisine



**Svičková na smetaně
national Czech dish**



**Vepřo knedlo zelo
(pork roast with dumplings and sauerkraut)**



Koláč, famous Czech dessert



Buchta, popular Czech sweet pastry



Czech beer

Arts and Folk



Bohemian glass and Bohemian crystal



Kroj, national Czech costume



Polka, a dance style and a genre of dance music



Wenceslas' Crown