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

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
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

Svíčková 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 crysta

Kroj, national Czech costume

Polka, a dance St and a genre of dance music

Wenceslas' Crown