

## Enjoy one more Pride festival this year!

### Prague Pride 2023 offers an open atmosphere with a taste of Eastern queer culture

**Pride month might be over, but one of the best European LGBT+ festivals of the season is still ahead of us. Prague Pride is taking place in the Czech capital on 7-13 August with a new festival director and some new features too. If you come for longer than just a weekend you will be able to enjoy a special program for expats and tourists.**

Prague is a pleasant city with romantic architecture where same sex couples can hold hands in public and walk in their Pride Parade costume and make up straight from their hotel. The festival is held under the auspices of several members of the government and the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament. Czech society has made a huge step towards respect for diversity although equal marriage has not been legalized yet due to a stubborn group of conservative MPs. Note that 75 % of Czechs do not have any religion.

#### **Pride Village**

Prague Pride offers a week of fun and activities with a focus on human rights. Visitors coming for a long weekend will manage in one go the tourist experiences, dancing, partying and the biggest Pride parade in Eastern and Central Europe.

The festival is taking place at multiple locations in central Prague. The main one throughout the week will be the community space **Pride Village** on Strelecky ostrov (Strelecky Island), with activities programmed daily in the afternoon and evening. A great news is that the program on the island does not have to end by 10 p. m. as in previous years. **Pride Club** will be open in the underground to continue the party till early morning hours. Afterparties will be curated by sound names of Prague queer scene such as Beaver or Radio Wave.

The festival will be officially open at Pride Village on Monday 7 August 6 p. m. with international guests such as Ailbhe Reddy (Ireland), DJ iDJA (Norway), Juana Rozas (Argentine), DJ Henriette (CZ).

#### **Pride Café**

May you prefer a rather cozy atmosphere, do visit **Pride Café** in Dorado Coffee on Betlemske namesti (Bethlehem Square). English speaking events will be located there such as Tea Party with a queer quiz and an exclusive concert of an incognito artist brought by the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Prague (10 June).

In case you arrive in Prague on 11 June, you can spend your magical Friday night in Pride Café celebrating the art of drag - not only watching drag performances but also becoming a Drag queen or king for the first time with outfits provided by the vintage store Kukmal Hilda.

The venue with a picturesque garden is situated in charming winding streets of the Prague Old Town that are worth a stroll heading to legendary Charles Bridge for a selfie everyone needs to have from Prague.

#### **Prague Pride Parade**

Last year 60,000 people took part in the rainbow parade. On Saturday 12 August we are meeting at Vaclavske namesti (Venceslas Square) at St. Václav's statue and marching through the historical center with famous Old Town Square towards the hill of Letna. Up there, in Pride Park, program with music, dancing, food & drinks and a Queer Market will run till 10 p. m. On the Main Stage, a French DJ, dancer, television personality, and actor KIDDY SMILE will perform as well as Icelandic rapper, radio host and DJ Ragga Holm x Steina. You can enjoy the afternoon from a [VIP Zone](#) where comfy seating under sunshades, skilled bartenders and clean toilets will be available to those who buy a ticket.

As environment conscious festival, we have banned cars with combustion engines from the parade again and replaced them with DJs playing on Sky Stages on high-lift platforms along the route.

### **Saturday Night**

After the entertainment dies out in the public park, move to a breathtaking venue of Gabriel Loci where the [official Pride afterparty "Magion"](#) will go on till morning. The party is named after the first Czechoslovakian satellite sent to the orbit in 1978. Magion will create an unforgettable night with DJ stars from Brasil, UK, Germany and Czechia.

### **Participant information**

A complete Prague Pride 2023 program will be available on the festival site <https://festival.praguepride.com> in English and Czech language from 15 June.

A free copy of a festival map will be available in all festival venues or in pdf to download from the festival website.

Materials to download:

[Festival visuals](#)

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[Prague Pride festival logo](#)

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