

Pronunciation

Don't be afraid, just say it! Locals will appreciate any attempt you make, so go for it. If anything, we suggest you learn one important Czech phrase, **Dobrý den** which means 'Hello' or 'Good day'. Of all the Czech phrases, this is probably the most important. It's the first thing you say to someone you don't know very well. Use it upon entering a store, approaching a stranger on the street or as a waiter approaches your table.

The basic pronunciation would be something like...

Doh-bree den. If you can, put the accent on the first syllable and roll the 'r'.

Vowels

a - as the **u** in but
á - as the **a** in father
e - as the **e** in bed
é - as the **ai** in air
ě - as the **ye** in yet
i and y - as the **i** in hit
í and ý - as the **i** in marine
o - as the **o** in okay
ó - as the **oa** in boat
u - as the **oo** in good
ú and ů - as the **oo** in pool

Consonants

c - as the **ts** in its
č - as the **ch** in cheap
ch - as the **ch** loch
g - as the **g** in go
h - as the **h** in hard
j - like the **y** in yes
r - hard rolled **r**
ř - no English partner; it's easiest to just use the 's' as in measure
š - **sh** as in ship
ž - as the **s** in measure
ď / ť - no English partner; softened standard sound with tongue flattened at roof of mouth

Greetings

Hello	Dobrý den
Good bye	Na shledanou
Good morning	Dobré ráno
Good evening	Dobrý večer
Good night	Dobrou noc
Hi (informal)	Ahoj

Please and Thank you

Thank you	Děkuji
Please	Prosim
You're welcome	Prosim
Excuse me / I'm sorry	Promiňte

Language

Do you speak English?	Mluvíte anglicky?
I don't speak Czech.	Nemluvim česky.
I don't understand.	Nerozumím.
Could you write it down please?	Můžete mi to napsat, prosím?

Social Phrases

What's your name?	Jak se jmenujete?
My name is...	Jmenuji se...
It's nice to meet you.	Těší mě.
How are you?	Jak se máte?
I'm well.	Mám se dobře.

Getting Around

Where is the metro station?	Kde je stanice metra?
Where is the bus stop?	Kde je autobusová zastávka?
Where is the tram stop?	Kde je tramvajová zastávka?
Where can I buy tickets?	Kde můžu koupit jízdenky?

Directions

Do you have a map?	Máte mapu?
Where is...	Kde je...
Go straight ahead.	Jděte rovně.
Turn left / right.	Zatočte vlevo / vpravo.
behind / in front of	za / před
far / near / across	daleko / blízko / naproti
here / there	sem / tam

At the Restaurant

What will you have?	Co si dáte?
I will have...	Ja si dám...
Check please (I will pay).	Záplatím prosím.
Is the tip included?	Je v tom zahrnuto spropitné?
food / drinks	jídlo / nápoje
beer / wine	pivo / víno

Money

I would like to exchange money.	Chtěl bych vyměnit peníze.
Where is a bank?	Kde je banka?
Where is a cash machine?	Kde je bankomat?

Health

I'm sick.	Jsem nemocný.
I need a doctor.	Potřebuji lékaře.
Help!	Pomoc!
pharmacy	lékárna
dentist	zubař
hospital	nemocnice

Useful Words

phone	telefon	postcards	pohledy
cash machine	bankomat	bank	banka
restaurant	restaurace	hotel	hotel
breakfast	snídaně	lunch	oběd
dinner	večeře	metro tickets	jízdenky
admission tickets	vstupenky	toilet	toaleta
embassy	ambasáda	exchange office	směnárna