

Welcome to Olomouc

Information package

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Olomouc for the **Aurora Academic Matchmaking Event on 3–4 November 2026**.

To help you prepare for your visit, we have put together some practical information about travelling to Olomouc, getting around the city, accommodation, dining and things to see during your stay.

Getting to Olomouc

Most international participants will find **Prague or Vienna** (Austria) the most convenient airports.

Other nearby airports include:

- Brno – Tuřany Airport
- Ostrava – Leoř Janáček Airport
- Katowice (Poland) – Katowice International Airport
- Krakow (Poland) – John Paul II Kraków Balice
- Bratislava (Slovakia) – M. R. Štefánik Airport



From Prague to Olomouc

From Prague, the easiest way to reach Olomouc is by train. Direct trains operated by České dráhy, RegioJet and Leo Express run several times a day. The journey takes approximately 2.5–3 hours.

If you are arriving at Václav Havel Airport Prague, the easiest way to reach Prague Main Train Station (Praha hlavní nádraží) is by Airport Express (AE) bus. The AE bus stops directly in front of the airport terminal and takes you to the main train station. The journey takes approximately 40 minutes. Tickets can be purchased from the driver (by card).

Alternatively, you can use Prague's public transport system. Information about bus and metro connections from the airport is available [here](#).

Train connections to Olomouc:

You can choose between three main train operators:

- České dráhy (Czech Railways)
- RegioJet
- Leo Express

Please note that tickets are generally valid only for the train operator and service specified on your ticket.

Prices vary depending on the train and how far in advance you book. A one-way ticket is typically around CZK 500 (€20), but prices may be higher or lower.

We recommend booking your ticket online in advance, especially if you are travelling at peak times.



From Vienna to Olomouc

Olomouc can be reached from Vienna by bus or train. Depending on the connection, the journey usually takes approximately 3–4 hours.

We recommend checking current connections and booking your ticket in advance.

From Vienna Airport (VIE) or Vienna Main Station (Wien Hbf), you can reach Olomouc comfortably by bus or train:

- Direct Bus (RegioJet / FlixBus): Direct coaches run from Vienna Airport (VIE) and Vienna city center via Brno to Olomouc. Journey time: 3.5–4 hours. Tickets cost around 400–600 CZK (€15–€25).
- Train Connections: Direct or 1-transfer trains (via Břeclav or Přerov) operated by ÖBB / České dráhy take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from Vienna Main Station (Wien Hbf).
- Private Shuttle: Express door-to-door private transfers (such as Přeprava na letiště) can also be booked directly from Vienna Airport to Olomouc.



Venue & Getting There

The event will take place at **Pevnost poznání (Fort of Science)**, an interactive science centre operated by Palacký University.



Route from Olomouc Main Train Station to Palacký University Olomouc, Pevnost poznání – Fort Science (17. listopadu 7, 779 00 Olomouc):

- By Tram (~10 mins): Take Tram line 1, 5, or 7 from the Main Train Station (Hlavní nádraží) to the Envelopa stop.
 - Tickets: Pay directly inside the tram by tapping your contactless payment card (or phone/watch) at the terminal. Alternatively, buy paper tickets from yellow machines at the stop and stamp them upon boarding (valid for 40 minutes).
- On Foot (~20-25 mins): A pleasant walk from the main train station through the broader city area.
- By Taxi: A dedicated taxi stand is located in the carpark right outside the main train station exit.



Dining & Cafés in Olomouc

Olomouc has firmly established itself as a **prominent highlight on the Czech culinary map**. The city boasts a thriving food scene—blending traditional Moravian hospitality with specialty coffee shops, modern bistros, and diverse international dining.



Restaurants & Bistros

- Long Story Short Eatery – Modern gastronomy with seasonal local ingredients served in a unique historic archway setting.
- Bistro Central – Popular central bistro known for its fresh, modern comfort food and daily seasonal menus.
- Steak Restaurant – Premium cuts and high-quality grilled specialties for meat enthusiasts.
- U Sv. Mořice – Traditional Czech cuisine and a local microbrewery in a cozy pub setting.
- Konvikt – Modern bistro and pub with a strong focus on vegan and vegetarian cuisine, located directly inside the university's historic Arts Centre.
- Ca Phe District – Authentic, modern Vietnamese street food.

Cafés & Specialty Coffee

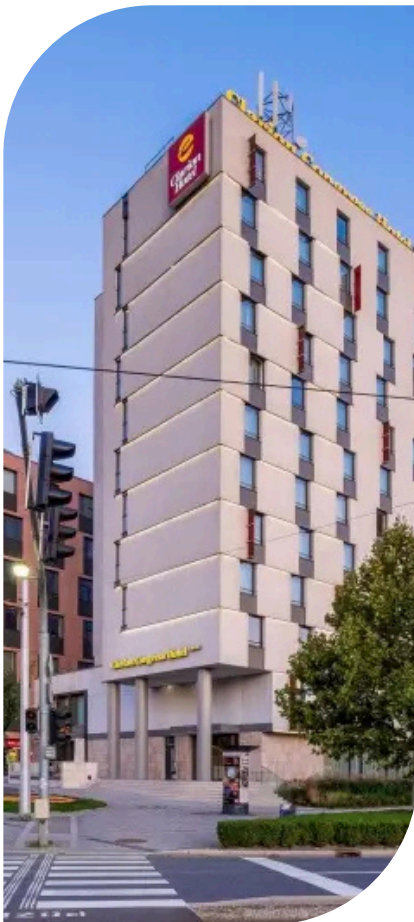
- Kafe jak Lusk – A local legend for specialty coffee lovers, famous for top-tier espresso and delicious fresh pastry.
- Kikafe – Micro-roastery and café serving meticulously prepared single-origin coffees.
- Coffee Library – A vibrant café located right in the university library, perfect for a quick study break or coffee meeting.
- Traffic Coffee – A cozy espresso bar ideal for high-quality coffee on the go.



Accommodation

Olomouc offers a variety of comfortable stay options, ranging from elegant boutique hotels and historic pensions to stylish design hostels. Most recommended accommodations are situated directly in or near the historic city centre, placing you within a pleasant 15–20 minute walk (or a quick tram ride) from the venue at Fort Science (Pevnost poznání).

- Hotel Trinity
- Long Story Short
- Miss Sophie's Hotel
- Pension Křivá
- OREA Hotel Arigone
- Pension U Jakuba
- Clarion Congress Hotel



About Olomouc

Olomouc is a **vibrant university city and the historic capital of Moravia**. Known for its rich scholarly tradition, stunning Baroque architecture, and the UNESCO-listed Holy Trinity Column, it offers an authentic, walkable atmosphere and a relaxed cultural alternative to Prague's crowds.

- **Palacký University** (est. 1573): Czechia's second-oldest university gives the city a lively, intellectual energy—students make up nearly 20% of the population.
- **Compact & Walkable:** Key sights, conference venues, and hotels are all within a 15–20 minute walk through cobblestone streets and historic squares.
- **Baroque Landmarks:** Famous for its six mythologically themed fountains and the unique socialist-realist Astronomical Clock (Orloj).
- **Green Ring:** Scenic 19th-century parks encircle the historic centre along the ancient fortress walls.
- **Local Delicacy:** Famous for Olomoucké tvarůžky, a centuries-old, PDO-protected traditional Czech ripened cheese.



- More about Olomouc you can find [here](#)
- Tourist Information Centre: Horní náměstí (Upper Square), Town Hall archway | Open daily 09:00–19:00 | infocentrum@olomouc.eu



Other

Electricity

- Czechia uses standard European sockets (CEE 7/5, 230 V / 50 Hz). Visitors from countries with different plug types (e.g., UK, US) will need a travel adapter.

- The official currency is the Czech Koruna (CZK). Payment cards are accepted almost everywhere, though keeping a small amount of cash is recommended.

Currency & payments

Weather

- Early November in Olomouc is usually chilly with occasional rain (average temperatures range from 5°C to 10°C). We recommend bringing warm, weatherproof layers.

We look forward to welcoming you in
Olomouc! Safe travels.

