

Practical Guide



Vítejte - Welcome!

Thank you and congratulations for choosing to visit University of Ostrava. We are a mid-sized and relatively young university educating more than 10 000 students in six faculties, offering a wide variety of disciplines and study programmes. As a dynamic and intellectually challenging modern institution, strategically situated right in the heart of Europe, our university provides an international and rich academic environment to anyone interested.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy your stay not only at our university but also in our city.

Looking forward to meeting you in person.





CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION



University of Ostrava in brief

Founded
1991

Welcome Centre Offices (Mlýnská 5)

Centre for International Cooperation, Counseling and Career Centre, Pyramida Centre (for students with special needs), Marketing and Communication Centre, UO Shop - university shop and bookstore

Six faculties



Faculty of
Social Studies



Faculty of
Education



Faculty of
Fine Arts & Music



Faculty of
Arts



Faculty of
Medicine



Faculty of
Science

How to reach Ostrava



Flight to Prague

From the Prague airport you can take a bus to the main train station (Praha hlavní nádraží). Just outside the terminal there are two options, but we recommend the express bus:

- The express bus takes you directly to Prague Train Station and is called “Bus AE” (Bus Airport Express). You can buy the ticket at the airport or on the bus in cash or by card.
- If you intend to stay in Prague before leaving for Ostrava, bus 59 or 100 will take you to the nearest metro station and from there you can get just about anywhere in Prague.

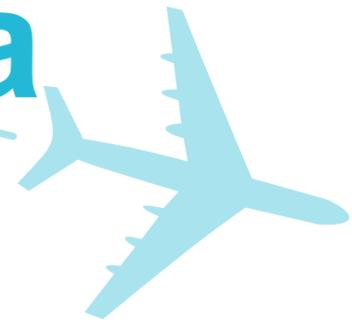
From Prague main train station take a train to Ostrava Hlavní nádraží (Ostrava Main Station). Please note there is also a station called Ostrava Svinov - do not get off here but wait for the next station „Ostrava Main Station“. Ride takes approximately 3-4 hours. There are several companies to choose from, e.g. České dráhy, RegioJet and Leo Express. Schedules can be found at idos.cz/en.

Flight to Katowice

Another option is the Katowice Airport. From there you can take a train to Ostrava Hlavní nádraží (Ostrava Main Station) which takes approximately 1-2 hours. The train leaves every 3 hours. You can book a ticket on www.cd.cz/en/. Another option is to take the bus to Ostrava by FlixBus or check regiojet.com. To get from Katowice Airport to Katowice train station you can take a shuttle or a taxi/uber. The bus from the airport only takes cash in PLN. If you want to pay by card you have to buy a ticket at a ticket machine.



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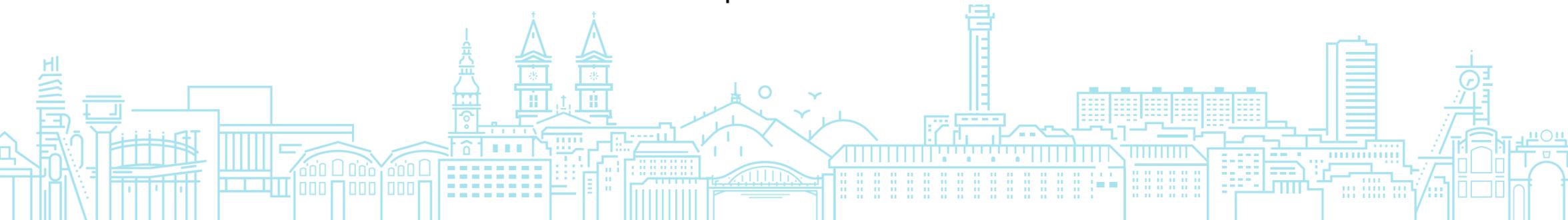
Flight to Vienna

Another option you can choose is to land at the Vienna Airport. From there, you can take a train to Ostrava Main Station which takes around 3 hours www.cd.cz/en/.

To get to the Vienna central train station (Wien Hauptbahnhof) you can take the train straight from the airport (ride takes about 15 minutes).

Flight to Krakow

If you fly to Krakow you can then take a direct bus by FlixBus or Regiojet from the airport to Ostrava.





Transportation

Arriving to Ostrava

You may purchase your ticket online and print the ticket or have the ticket sent to your phone. You may also purchase tickets at the train station. You may pay in cash or by card. If you buy the train ticket online in advance the ticket might be cheaper. The Czech word for “main train station” is Hlavní nádraží and you will see it abbreviated as hl.n. Thus your ticket to Ostrava should state “Ostrava MS” or „Ostrava hl.n.“(Ostrava has more stations).

Once you arrive to Ostrava you will need to get to your accommodation. There are trams with regular departures just outside the Main Train Station.

To get to the Ostrava city center you have to board tram number 1, 2, or 8 (located right outside of the train station) and get off at the Stodolní station (the ride takes about 10 minutes). You can find detailed timetables at idos.cz/en.

You must purchase a ticket while boarding a tram or bus. The easiest way to buy a ticket is to pay with your contactless bank card on a tram or bus. Paper tickets are not used anymore. Another pricier option to reach the city center is to take either a taxi or an uber/bolt.

Accommodation

Ostrava offers a wide range of temporary accommodation options, ranging from hostels and guesthouses to 4-star hotels. We can recommend the following options close to city center:

- Hotel Maria / [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- Kampus Palace (private dormitories) / [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- Mercure Ostrava Center Hotel / [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- Imperial Hotel Ostrava / [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- Golden Apartments Residence Nova Karolina / [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- Sting Butique Apartments / [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)

For a more comprehensive and thorough list of accommodation options visit: www.visitostrava.eu/en/ section Enjoy Ostrava -> Accommodation, or check the offer on Booking or Airbnb.

