

EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

PRAGUE, FALL 2024

Learning about yourself and the world around you happens both in and outside the classroom. Read below for an overview of the excursions and activities offered during your Verto experience!

Excursions

The following is a list of excursions that Verto organizes, included as part of your abroad experience fee. You may go on excursions with your Care Team, giving you the opportunity to get closer to your community while also seeing a new place!

Day Trip 1 Karlštejn Castle, *during Discovery Week*

Located a quick train ride outside of Prague, we will travel as a group to the beautiful Karlštejn Castle. It's a bit of a hike up to the castle so dress appropriately! Once there, we will tour the Imperial Residence of King Charles IV, visit the quaint city, and have lunch at a typical Czech restaurant.

Day Trip 2 Kutná Hora, *October*

Kutná Hora is most famous for its Sedlec Ossuary, a chapel adorned with human skeletons. We will spend the day touring the city and its beautiful gothic architecture, and you will have time on your own to visit the town before heading back to Prague by train.

Overnight Trip Český Raj, *mid-late September, early October*

Get ready to spend the night in one of the most beautiful areas of the Czech Republic. It will be a weekend for you to enjoy Czech nature, spend time outdoors, and build community. Activities may include ice breakers, ropes courses, and hiking!

Experiential Learning

Every course includes experiential learning as part of its delivery. This may include visits outside of the classroom, guest speakers, or hands-on class activities.

Here are a few examples of potential experiential learning activities. Please note: The specific activities and courses described here are examples and may or may not be offered during term.

Museum of Communism, Seminar in Academic Inquiry and Writing

Visit the museum to better understand different aspects of life in Communist-era Czechoslovakia, particularly paying attention to education and propaganda in the media.

Prague Castle, *Art History II*

Have your class in the famous Prague castle! What better place to learn about baroque architecture and presenting the information you've learned to your peers?

Mineral Exhibition at the National Museum, *Geology*

Access the special mineral exhibition at the Czech National Museum to view some of the minerals you've been learning about in class!

Activities

During the week, Verto staff will organize activities for you to get to know one another, develop skills, and have fun. Students (aka YOU!) will also play a role in organizing activities. Here are highlight activities that we are excited to offer:

Student Clubs: You are encouraged to share your passions and interests with fellow Vertoans and create student-led clubs! During Discovery Week your Prague staff will share about how to plan and manage a club and what kind of support is available to help you.

Community Engagement: In addition to the weekly activities, you also have the opportunity to volunteer around the city. Volunteering while in Prague allows you to develop your personal and professional skills, engage with local communities, and make a difference.

Weekly Activities: Care Team Leaders will offer multiple activities and workshops at the Study Center and around Prague every week! Some examples include visiting local parks, exploring local neighborhoods and markets, and engaging in workshops on self-care, budgeting, or cooking!

Independent Travel

During weekends, should you wish to travel away from your Verto location, you will complete an Independent Travel Form so we know where you're going. Don't worry, we're not going to track you! We just need to account for everyone in case of an emergency.

If you are 17 years old on-site in Prague, you will need to have a parent or guardian sign a form allowing you to travel independently.

Check out Verto's social media to learn where students have traveled in previous semesters!

More resources

- [How to take the Metro in Prague](#)
- [Tour around Prague with Verto](#)
- [Walking Tour](#)
- [Fall '22 Wrap up video](#)
- [Tower Day](#)