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The capital city is Prague. The head of state is the President Václav Klaus.

The national flag consists of a blue triangle, white and red stripes. The currency is Czech crown.

The national tree is the lime tree (linden tree). The number of inhabitants is 10,5 million. The area is 78 864 sq m. Typical food is sirloin with cream sauce, cranberries, lemon and dumplings or roasted pork, pickled cabbage and dumplings. Typical drink is beer, wine or brandy called Slivovitz.

Many Czechs do some sports, keep pets, watch sport events or visit cultural performances.

The Labe is the most important for shipping. It empties into the North Sea. The Vltava is its most important tributary and has numerous dams - e.g. Lipno, Slapy. Other big rivers are e. g. the Morava, the Dyje, the Odra, the Opava, the Sázava, the Berounka... .

Bohemia and Moravia are quite rich in mineral and healing springs and spas. Foreigners like visiting spa towns like Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně, Františkovy Lázně or Luhačovice.

Karlovy Vary was set up in the 14th century by the Charles IV. and patients from all over the world have come there. The international film festival takes place here every year.

Mariánské Lázně - there are up to 40 cold springs, and the water is used for drinking and bathing.

Františkovy Lázně is a famous spa for patients with women and heart diseases.

Well-known sights inscribed on the World Heritage List are gardens and castle in Kroměříž, the historic centre of Český Krumlov, Prague, Telč, Kutná Hora with the church of St Barbara, Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape, Tugendhat Villa in Brno, the spa in Luhačovice, paper mill in Velké Losiny, the industrial complexes in Ostrava, Bohemian Paradise with “rock cities”, the Karlštejn Castle, mountain-top hotel and television transmitter Ještěd.

Writers: Božena Němcová, Karel Hynek Mácha, Karel Čapek, Jaroslav Seifert (Nobel Prize winning Czech writer).

Composers: Leoš Janáček, Bedřich Smetana, Antonín Dvořák.

Sportsmen: Jaromír Jágr, Barbora Špotáková, Tomáš Berdych (Davis Cup champion 2012).

Singers: Lucie Bílá, Karel Gott.

Actors: Zdeněk Svěrák, Ondřej Vetchý, Jiřina Bohdalová, Tereza Kostková.

Presidents: Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk was the first President of the Czechoslovakia, Václav Havel.

Other: Master Jan Hus – reformer, Jan Amos Komenský, the King Charles IV. (He built Charles Bridge and Karlštejn Castle. He also founded the first Czech university.).