



FLIGHT

PASSPORT

VISA

INFORMATION

Czech Republic: Arts Studios in Creative Writing, Contemporary Dance, and Photography

Summer 2024

GENERAL FLIGHT INFORMATION

This document is designed to assist you in making your travel arrangements. An essential part of your preparation for studying abroad includes obtaining the proper travel documentation for your international stay. Please read this document carefully to determine if you need to take action *immediately* in preparation for travel.

You are responsible for booking your own travel to and from the program location. In addition, it is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions for your airline ticket(s), to reconfirm your flight reservations in advance of the day of travel, and to be aware of airline and TSA regulations for baggage size and contents. SIT is not responsible for additional charges you may incur as a result of airline schedule changes or other travel-related reasons.

Once you have finalized your travel arrangements, please log into your application portal and enter your itinerary information and any notes about your arrival in the *Travel Information* section of your application. This will ensure that SIT staff knows when to expect you. Please submit your travel itinerary no later than 30 days prior to your program's start date.

As you book your flights, we encourage you to purchase tickets on airlines with flexible cancellation and postponement policies.

Individual countries may have specific entry requirements related to COVID-19 (e.g., providing proof of vaccine, providing a negative COVID-19 test prior to travel or testing and/or quarantining upon arrival, etc.). SIT will provide updated COVID-19 related information prior to your travel.

AIRLINE INFORMATION

We have been advised that the following airlines usually provide service to the meeting location for this program: Delta Airlines, British Airways, Czech Airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, Brussels Airlines, and Air France.

You can, of course, travel on any airline of your choice; however, please note that regardless of your transportation carrier, you are expected to be at your meeting location at the required time.

SIT recommends that students purchase a round-trip itinerary into and out of the host country. When you first arrive and go through customs and immigration, officials may request that you show **proof that you have confirmed plans to depart their country within 90 days of arrival**. In addition, booking a round-trip ticket will likely be more affordable than purchasing two separate one-way itineraries. Even if you later decide to change your return flight, the fees for making that change will oftentimes still amount to less than the overall price of two separate tickets.



ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You are expected to meet your group at the following date, time, and location:

Arrival Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024

Arrival Airport: Prague—Vaclav Havel Airport (PRG)

Group Meeting Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Group Meeting Location: In the small arrival hall of Terminal 2. *Look for the SIT Study Abroad sign.*

Group Will Be Met By: Program Driver, Ladislav Zelenek

Notes: Terminal 1 is a 1–5 minute walk to Terminal 2. Please go directly to Terminal 2 upon arrival if you happen to arrive in Terminal 1.

NOTE: If you are unable to find suitable travel arrangements which will allow you to arrive at the specified date and time, please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible—BEFORE you make any reservations.

Arrival prior to the start of the program is possible, but no SIT Study Abroad staff will be able to assist you with any matter should you arrive before the program's commencement due to personal travel or for any other reason. Please note that accident and illness insurance, provided to you through SIT Study Abroad for the duration of your program, is not in effect either before the program start date or after the program end date. Students arriving early must just be aware of the 90-day window for travel within the Schengen zone.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

You are expected to plan your departure for the following date, time, and location:

Departure Date: Friday, July 5, 2024

Departure Airport: Prague—Vaclav Havel Airport (PRG)

Earliest Departure Time: Any time

PASSPORT INFORMATION

To participate in this program, you will need a signed **passport that is valid for at least six months after the end of the program.**

- If necessary, apply for a new passport or renewal immediately.
- **US Citizens:** consult U.S. State Department information at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html for passport processing times and application procedures.
- **Non-US Citizens:** contact your embassy or consulate.

You may need to expedite your passport application in order to meet visa application deadlines. Please check with your admissions counselor at studyabroad@sit.edu or (888) 272-7881 to discuss whether you should expedite your application.

VISA INFORMATION

A visa is an official endorsement from a foreign government permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region for a specified period of time. A visa may be glued or stamped directly into an applicant's passport or be on a separate paper or insert.

Students with US passports:

For this program, students with US passports will be getting a 90-day tourist visa upon arrival.

Please note that due to the restricted nature of the Schengen Tourist Visa, **you should not make plans to travel internationally in the Schengen Zone prior to the program start date** as you will not have enough days to complete the program. US citizens are only permitted to remain in the Schengen zone (a group of European countries, including Iceland, with a mutual immigration agreement); Schengen countries are listed here: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/tp/schengen-fact-sheet.html>

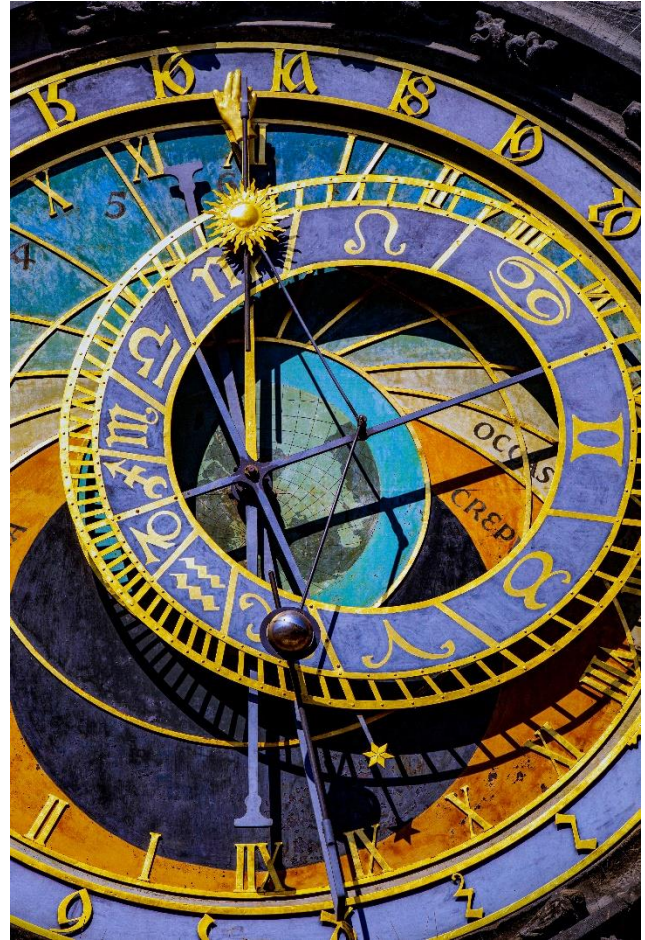
Students with non-US passports:

Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. If the foreign consulate permits non-US passport holders to apply for the required visa from within the United States, applicants are encouraged to contact Travia Visa Services. As an experienced visa agent working closely with a number of SIT programs, Travia may be able to assist you in your visa application process. A service discount is available by entering "SIT" as the corporate code in your Travia online application. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.



GENERAL VISA AND PASSPORT NOTES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Please make a copy of the first two pages of your passport (one of which has your photo), and give these photocopies to your academic director once you arrive.
- You may also need to bring your vaccination card or a copy of your immunization record.
- Students are responsible for their own passports. The program may hold passports for students when at the program site and when on excursion. Throughout the term, students should keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person at all times.
- If your transit route involves connections in other countries, check with your airlines or the embassies of those countries before you leave the US regarding visas, documents, and/or immunizations required. Please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible to discuss the feasibility of your plans.



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the US office of SIT Study Abroad at 802-258-3212 or toll-free in the US at 888-272-7881 and ask to speak to your admissions counselor, who is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM (US East Coast time) to assist you.