A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO PRAHA AND WARSZAWA

Vital Statistics
Czech Republic
Population: 10.3 million
Area: 77.3 thousand square kilometers
GDP Index: 79 (100=EU average)

Poland
Population: 38.2 million.
Area: 312.7 thousand square kilometers
GDP Index: 53

Prague
Population: 1.2 million (city limits), 1.9 million (metropolitan area)
Area: 496 square kilometers

Warsaw
Population: 1.7 million (city limits), 2.8 million (metropolitan area)
Area: 517 square kilometers

Some Important Historical Developments of the last few hundred years
1620-1918: The Bohemian Lands were part of the Austrian Empire
1918: Czechoslovakia was created
1938: Germany annexed Czechoslovakia as a Protectorate
1945-48: Expulsion of German-speaking Czechoslovaks
1948: Communists voted into power
1967-68: “Prague Spring loosened restrictions and search for “socialism with a human face”
August 1968: Invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw-pact countries brought an end to Prague Spring and introduced period of “Normalization” (1970s and early 1980s)
1989: The Velvet Revolution brought end to communist regime
1993: Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic (Slovakia)
2004: The Czech Republic and Slovak Republic joined the European Union

1795-1918: Polish cased to officially exist; its land divided between Prussia, Russia, and Austria
1918: Polish state recreated
September 1, 1939: Germany invaded Poland setting off the First World War
1945: Communists came to power
1980: Solidarity (Solidarność) worker’s movement founded
December 1981: Martial Law introduced
1989/90: Communist rule came to end
2004: Poland joined the European Union

For Further Information in Preparation for your Trip
▪ DK Eyewitness Travel Guides for Prague, Warsaw, Czech and Slovak Republics, and Poland
▪ www.europa.eu - official website portal to the European Union
▪ www.myczechrepublic.com - official tourist site of the Czech Republic
▪ www.poland.travel - Poland’s official travel website
Some Tips while in Warsaw and Prague

In Warsaw

*Some great coffee and pastry -*
Café A. Blikle
Ul. Nowy Świat 35
00-029 Warszawa

*For a drink and small plate -*
Bar Prekaski Zakaski
Ul. Ossolinskich 7.00-087
Warszawa

*For a quiet walk -*
Łazienkowska Park

In Prague

*Traditional Czech food and world-class Czech beer –*
Budvarka
Wuchtlerlová 336/72
Praha 6-Dejvice
(walking distance from Dejvická Metro stop)

*For a quiet walk –*
Petřín hill (accessible by foot from the Castle Hill or from a cable-car on the Small Side)