



Welcome Centre for International Scholars



On Saturday the 23rd of April, the Welcome Centre for the International Scholars organised a trip to Pilsen with 30 of our researchers, PhD students and their families.

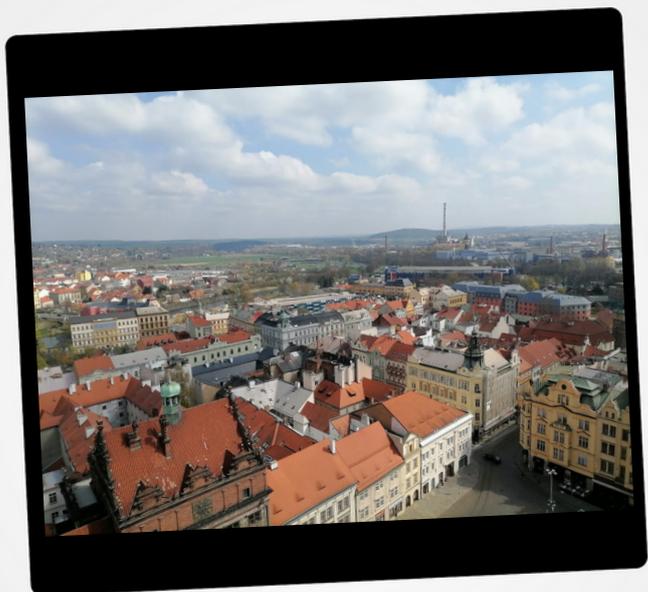
The journey began at 8:15, when we all met in the train station. The sun was shining, it is that period of the year when the nature wears its greenest coat and it is beautiful. Spring had finally started for our greater pleasure.

After arriving in Pilsen's train station, we all went for a walk together from the train station to the city centre, passing by beautiful buildings...



We finally got to St. Bartholomew Cathedral where you can climb 300 steps up to get closer to the sky. It is actually one of the highest church in the Czech Republic (its spire is 102 meters high). From the top, you can apparently see the Alps from Austria when the weather is perfect. Unfortunately, some clouds decided to ruin our chances on that day... which means we must go back there! Next to the cathedral, there was a food market, we also had the chance to meet Spejbl and Hurvinek (two famous puppets who were born in Pilsen). After this sportive episode of walking and climbing these steps up and down, had come the time to eat.

Most of us went to Švejks Restaurant U Pětatřicátníků to have lunch together.





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After lunch, we all had free time to enjoy the city, some of us went walking, some of us visited the beer museum, others the puppet museum, some even made it to the underground guided tour.

Last but not least, we finally met in front of the Pilsner brewery and had a great time visiting it with a very nice tour guide. From the cellar to the factory, we saw everything and we were taught about Pilsner history. The magic happened at the end of the tour when we were given unfiltered beer straight from the barrels.



To sum it up in a few words, this trip was about beer, socialising, meeting, discovering, enjoying life in the Czech Republic.

Special thanks to Alena Debritkova for being our tour guide in the centre and for giving us nice recommendations about the different options of places to visit.

I would also like to thank Mirka from the Welcome Centre for her good vibes and her devotion.

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