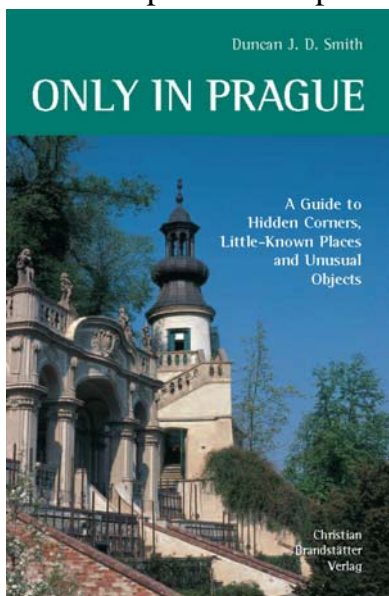


## ***ONLY IN PRAGUE – A Guide to Hidden Corners, Little-known Places and Unusual Objects***

“When I search for another word for magic,  
the only word I can find is Prague.”  
*Angelo Maria Ripellino, Magic Prague (1973)*

Prague is surely one of the most beautiful, magical and beloved capital cities in Europe. Straddling the Baltic-bound River Vltava, with Prague Castle on the west bank and Old Town on the east, it is also one of the most fascinating. The many guidebooks available in the city’s myriad bookshops offer the undemanding visitor an amazing (and effortlessly accessible) array of museums, churches, historic buildings and eateries, reflecting the history of the city from prehistoric and medieval times, via the Soviets and the Velvet Revolution, up to the present day. However, for those with a little more time on their hands, who want to *discover* something of the place for themselves, this new guide has been expressly written.

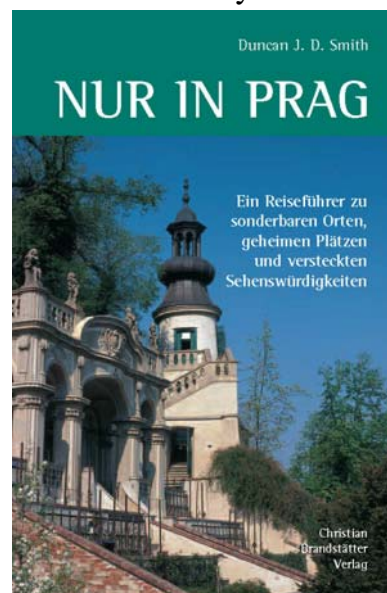
It only takes a few minutes of planning, and a glance at a decent street map, to escape the crowds and the orchestrated tours and discover a different Prague. Based on personal experience, and footslogging all twenty-two of the city’s



districts (*obvody*), the author will point the explorer in a new and unusual direction. This is the Prague of hidden medieval cellars, quiet Gothic cloisters, authentic Bohemian beer-halls and pre-revolutionary canteens; secret gardens and historic river islands; little-known museums brimming with fascinating objects; forgotten cemeteries and wild, unspoilt valleys; Cubist houses and old fashioned house signs; not to mention the abandoned British sewer system now open to the public and the Soviet-era printing works converted into an art gallery.

It is also a city with a turbulent past, its windows used by the Hussites to *defenestrate* Catholics, its abandoned Jewish cemeteries witness to Nazi genocide, and its walls bearing plaques to the city’s liberation in 1945 and the anti-Communist revolutions of 1968 and 1989.

By walking around Prague’s relatively compact city centre and using the integrated transport network of underground trains (*Metro*), trams (*tramvaje*) and



buses (*autobusy*) to venture into the suburbs, the explorer can quite quickly reach all the places described – and that’s without detracting whatsoever from the sense of personal discovery that each of these places has to offer. Indeed, directions have been kept to a minimum so as to leave the visitor free to find their own particular path. Whether exploring the newly restored Baroque Palace Gardens of Malá Strana, searching Vyšehrad for Prague’s ancient foundation myths, getting lost amongst the tombstones of Žižkov’s Olšany Cemetery, or uncovering Romanesque cellars beneath the bustling streets of Old Town, it is hoped that the visitor will experience a sense of having made the discovery for his or her self.

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