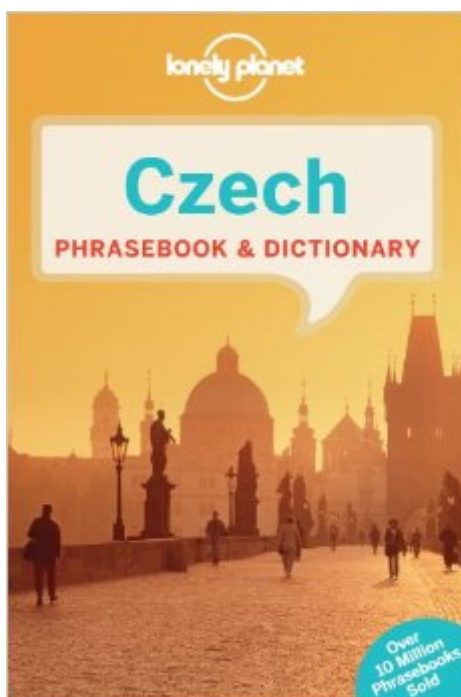


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# Lonely Planet Czech Phrasebook & Dictionary



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Lonely Planet: The world's leading travel guide publisher Anyone can speak another language! It's all about confidence. This book will give you all the practical phrases you need to explore the countryside, visit Golden Prague, and tour castles and mountains worthy of the Brothers Grimm (in fact, the 2005 movie of that name was filmed here). It also contains all the fun phrases you need to connect with local people and get a better understanding of the country and its culture. Never get stuck for words with our 3500-word two-way dictionary Order the right meal with our menu decoder Avoid embarrassing situations with essential tips on culture & manners Coverage includes: Basics, Practical, Social, Safe Travel and Food Lonely Planet gets you to the heart of a place. Our job is to make amazing travel experiences happen. We visit the places we write about each and every edition. We never take freebies for positive coverage, so you can always rely on us to tell it like it is. Authors: Written and researched by Lonely Planet and Richard Nebesky. About Lonely Planet: Started in 1973, Lonely Planet has become the world's leading travel guide publisher with guidebooks to every destination on the planet, as well as an award-winning website, a suite of mobile and digital travel products, and a dedicated traveller community. Lonely Planet's mission is to enable curious travellers to experience the world and to truly get to the heart of the places they find themselves in. TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards 2012 and 2013 winner in Favorite Travel Guide category 'Lonely Planet guides are, quite simply, like no other.' - New York Times 'Lonely Planet. It's on everyone's bookshelves; it's in every traveller's hands. It's on mobile phones. It's on the Internet. It's everywhere, and it's telling entire generations of people how to travel the world.' - Fairfax Media (Australia)

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## Customer Reviews

This Greek phrasebook has good up-to-date coverage of everyday requirements. Based on my limited knowledge of Greek practice, it seems pretty accurate. The book uses the familiar, rather than the polite, forms of address and verb usage. That has become conventional in among youth in the European countries whose languages I am more familiar with. Older people in most countries typically expect polite forms (especially from people their own age) but for young travelers I suspect Lonely Planet made a good choice. There is at least one howler I found. The Greek for the English phrase "Can you talk more slowly?" (pio siga) was translated in the book as "Can you talk later?" (argotera) which might be interpreted as a pickup line with potentially hilarious results if the coupling is perceived as odd by either party. It was a good choice, lightweight and pocket size but chock full of information.

It won't teach you the language, but it will help you get by. Used it frequently, and regretted it when I failed to bring it. I might suggest they include a one or two page tear out, to make it easier to bring just the "survival" phrases with you. Czech is a difficult language, and outside the tourist centers we ran into a number of "non-English" speakers and menus.

This book is perfect for my needs. It's very small- purse size. It covers topics I will need for travel plus more. The topics cover areas someone would need for a long term stay. I can use it before the trip to learn basic phrases with their phonetic pronunciation since I can't read the Greek alphabet. I can use it for reference to speak to shop clerks and waiters while there.

This is a tough one. The book has a ton of useful information. As a dictionary it is definitely useful. The thing that burned us is there isn't a straight-up alphabet and phonetic guide to it. For people just trying to survive or those who already know the characters and sounds of Greek this may be better suited. For us trying to learn the language there were more intuitive references we found.

Though I have not had a lot of time to peruse this phrase book yet, it seems that Lonely Planet is continuing to up the ante in terms of offering compact, yet as comprehensive as possible language booklets. The grammar section is not too long (a good thing) and there is even a Czech-language index in the back if you are having difficulty understanding someone.

Compact size, easy to carry around in a purse. Well organized index. Helpful book in general on a recent trip to Prague.

The book makes speaking Czech really intuitive because it breaks down the words phonetically, in English spelling and Czech spelling. It also covers a ton of subjects that could come up in a daily conversation. It also has the most useful words written on the inside cover for easy access. Great for a short or long trip abroad.

As someone who is always interested in learning a little of the local language and not being a typical ignorant tourist, I of course again went to Lonely Planet for their awesome phrasebooks that have served me well for more than a decade. What they don't tell you is that no one in Greece speaks Greek. Of course that statement is an exaggeration. However over our 9-day trip to 5 cities, with the exception of one restaurant, everyone spoke English to us everywhere. Even places where we could easily - if not more likely - been tourists from another European country, the first words were English. The country thrives on tourism and that is made abundantly clear by the universal mastery of English. Which makes it easy, if at the price of losing a little of the magic that comes from traveling to new places. At any rate, the spine of this book was barely cracked. It may technically be just as good as every other Lonely Planet phrasebook. Except it definitely lacks the usual utility. So when you buy something and end up never wanting to use it...I have to take a star away.

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