



WELCOME TO BRNO

**GUIDE
FOR EXPATS**

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CENTRE

SALUTE FROM THE MAYOR

WELCOME

Let me extend a warm welcome to you as you begin your life in Brno, the Czech Republic's most dynamic city.

Brno has always responded to the challenges of the times, whether in the form of its massive industrial development in the 18th and 19th centuries, its position at the forefront of international architecture and design in interwar Czechoslovakia or its innovative responses to the rapidly changing globalized world of the present. As we move steadily into the 21st century, the bold decision taken by the city only twenty odd years ago – to reinvent itself as the country's main R&D and IT centre – is now bearing fruit. It's probably thanks to the city's development that you yourself have come to Brno.

As an integral part of this strategy, Brno has also worked steadily to upgrade the city's leisure-time facilities, renovate its parks and other green spaces and refurbish and expand its cultural institutions. It has also taken many steps to ensure that foreigners like you will feel at home in the city, including support for the Brno Expat Centre. It's to ease the process of settling in here in Brno that BEC has prepared this brochure.

It's my hope that Brno will enrich your life as much as you will enrich the life of Brno. And that you spend a very happy time in Brno – perhaps even a lifetime.

Markéta Vaňková
Mayor of Brno

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Like most expats in Brno, until very recently you were probably blissfully unaware of the city, unable to pinpoint it on a map or even guess how such an oddly spelled word might be pronounced. But by some lucky chance, here you are, having come to work in Brno alongside the thousands of other foreigners who've been arriving in increasing numbers in recent years.

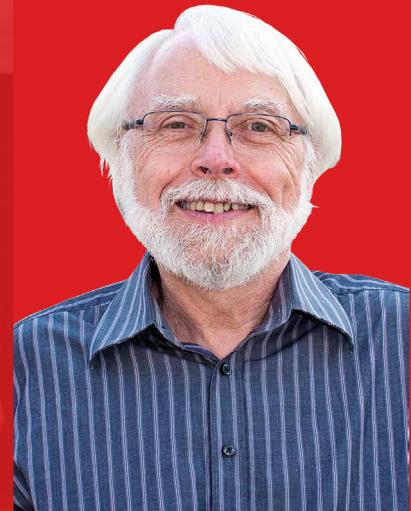
Lucky – because Brno's a great place to live. Large enough to have all the amenities of a big city, it's also small and compact enough to retain a human scale. Steeped in history, it remains young at heart thanks to almost 65,000 students attending its many universities. Within the city boundaries you'll find endless opportunities for cultural, sports, entertainment, gastronomical and other leisure-time activities. Yet the countryside is only minutes away: the heavily wooded hills and steep valleys to the north and west, the rolling, open plains and vineyards to the south and east – all accessible by a dense network of hiking trails and cycle routes.

Brno's chief historian claims that the city has a "tolerance gene" in its DNA. Be that as it may, it's certain that since its foundation almost eight hundred years ago it's always thrived when it's been most open, encouraging foreigners to come here, work, set up businesses, make the place their home. They've played a major role in Brno's life and in ensuring that it remains a thriving, dynamic city. So though you're new to Brno, you're at the same time part of a very old and distinguished tradition.

Hoping to meet you soon,
Don Sparling, BEC Co-founder, and the BEC team

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

BRNO



BRNO IN CITY FACTS NUMBERS

Brno is the Czech Republic's "second city" after Prague; as the saying has it, "We're number two – we try harder." Historically, it was the capital of Moravia; nowadays it's the capital of the South Moravian Region. Because of its location, it's often referred to as "Central Europe's most central city", with convenient access to all the region's major cities (Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Krakow, Prague).

BRNO IN NUMBERS



380,000 permanent residents, plus an estimated 130,000 more who commute to the city to work or who study and live here



29 municipal districts, each with its own administration and town hall (districts are responsible for some specific activities such as registering a marriage or a dog, managing primary schools and kindergartens)



1,800 buildings and other objects declared to be Cultural Monuments, 9 of them of national importance and 1 – the Tugendhat Villa – a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site



24-hour public transport system comprising 11 tram lines, 12 trolleybus lines, 54 bus lines, 1 boat line and 2 "nostalgic" lines (historical trams and trolleybuses) and catering to around 360 million passengers annually



9 city-financed professional theatres (comprising 8 separate companies) plus another 30+ smaller professional theatres, 2 opera companies, 1 ballet company and innumerable music groups across the whole spectrum from "high" to the most popular



3,919 doctors,
with the highest doctor-to-patient
ratio in the Czech Republic



5 public universities,
1 state university and 8 private
universities with a total of almost
65,000 students



2 rivers,
the Svatka and the Svitava, and 1 lake
(Brno lake – 259 hectares)



50+ parks,
including the oldest public park
in the Czech Republic (Lužánky, 1786),
and the country's first municipal park
(Denisovy sady, 1818)



136 km
of cycle paths



**2 major ancient
castles**
and 7 old chateaux



**70,000+ active
members**
of dozens of sports clubs



**11 Natura 2000
System ecological**
“Sites of European Importance”



2,921 hectares
of woods accessible to
the public



BRNO EXPAT CENTRE

BECOME LOCAL WITH US!

The Brno Expat Centre, supported by the City of Brno, acts as a free public service catering for the needs of foreign skilled professionals who are living or working in Brno or plan to do so.

BEC offers advice and assistance to international employees, entrepreneurs and researchers in all areas related to settling down and enjoying life in Brno. Register at our website and take advantage of free of charge consulting (contact form, telephone, in person), guidelines and lists for various situations, sign up for our events and receive a monthly newsletter with the most entertaining English language writing in Brno! The assistance of our trained interpreters on request is free of charge for qualified professionals. Employees of BEC Partners (see the list on page 20) enjoy further benefits.

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH

- › formalities and paperwork
- › daily living issues
- › socializing and networking



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team members



9,000+

clients
from 130 countries



240+

organised events
(seminars, webinars,
meetings, trips,
etc.)



7,000

subscribers of a
free monthly
newsletter and
Facebook fans



www.brnoexpatcentre.eu



"All BEC consultants have experienced living abroad for part of their life and understand the particular needs of our expat clients. We can put ourselves in your shoes and approach an issue from your perspective, bringing in local knowledge and a network of contacts. We truly enjoy working with the international community and seeing more and more talented people coming to Brno. Become local with us and help the city flourish."

Jan Kopkáš, Brno Expat Centre Executive Manager

"We appreciate the support of the City of Brno and also of our partners, international companies and institutions that enjoy priority services and extra benefits for their employees and family members. We are able to provide full support in the relocation process starting prior to their arrivals."

Our ambition is not only to help highly skilled foreigners, but also to be one of the key local players in Brno's international development. We hope BEC and our related activities connecting creative professionals in Brno will encourage the development of a truly international city."

Don Sparling, Chairman of the Board, Brnopolis

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x = independently organized TED event

brnopolis.eu

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and assistance
anywhere you need.

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contact](http://www.brnoexpatcentre.eu/contact)

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YOUR LIFE IN **BEGINNINGS** BRNO

There are various layers to an expat's life. There are things you're legally obliged to do, things you need to do in order to carry on your everyday life and things that are possible to do, options that make your life more enjoyable.

Most of the situations described on the following pages are discussed in depth with exact guidelines and lists in our **BEC Guides**.

Read online at
www.brnoexpatcentre.eu/im-an-expat

OBLIGATIONS

- a) immediate
- b) in the first months

NEEDS

POSSIBILITIES



OBLIGATIONS

a) immediate

Registering with the Foreign Police

All foreigners, whether from outside the EU or EU citizens, are legally obliged to register after arrival.

EU/EFTA citizens and their family members must register their place of residence in this country with the Foreign Police within 30 days. You might be automatically registered by the receptionist in the hotel or dormitory where you stay but it's still a good idea to go to the FP and get the proof about the registration in your passport or on a printout.

Foreigners from outside the EU and EFTA must register within 3 working days of their arrival in the country either with the Foreign Police or Immigration Office.

Here in Brno the Foreign Police are located at Cejl 62b and the Immigration Office at Tuřanka 115b. You only need to bring your passport or ID with you and you'll fill in a short form at the counter; no need to supply any other documentation. Make sure you know your exact address and the name of your accommodation provider (landlord). You can find all the details on how to register in the [**BEC Guide on Registering with Foreign Police**](#).

OBLIGATIONS

a) immediate

Residence card and the Immigration Office

Foreigners from outside the EU/EFTA coming with a visa sticker allowing them to enter the country and receive a residence card upon arrival (typically an Employee Card - *Zaměstnanecká karta*) will need to visit the Immigration Office of the Ministry of the Interior within three days to register and provide biometrics.

EU citizens may – this is not obligatory – apply for a Registration Certificate (*Osvědčení o registraci*) at the Immigration Office; their non-EU family members may apply for a Temporary Residence Permit (*Povolení k přechodnému pobytu*) at the same office.

Once you have your residence card, don't forget to report any changes regarding your residence address, name, family status or purpose of stay within 30 days. And never forget to apply for the extension in time – 120 to 0 days prior to the expiration date of any long-term residency permits. Even just one day later is too late.

The Brno branch of the Immigration Office of the Ministry of the Interior is located at Tuřanka 115b. Arranging an appointment at 974 801 801 or at frs.gov.cz/en may save you considerable waiting time. More information about residence cards can be found at the Immigration Office website: www.imigracniportal.cz. For more details on immigration issues regarding temporary residence for EU nationals and permanent residence status read the [BEC Guide on Residence Permits](#).

Health insurance

Valid health insurance is one of the legal requirements for a stay in the Czech Republic. The Foreign Police may request confirmation of health insurance as a necessary obligation of your legal stay. Foreigners from outside the EU/EFTA must have valid travel insurance (when on a short-term visa) or Czech commercial health insurance for foreigners (when on a long-term visa and residency permit) or a Czech public health insurance card (in the case of employment by a Czech company). EU/EFTA citizens must have a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). For more details on the Czech health insurance system, your options and duties, you can read the [BEC Guide on Health Insurance](#).



OBLIGATIONS

b] in the first months

Waste collection fee

All foreign citizens who intend to stay in Brno for longer than 3 months have the responsibility to pay the waste collection fee. The fee is 670 CZK. The fee is paid yearly by the end of May and covers the current year. Registration and payment can be done online through www.brnoid.cz. For more details read the [BEC Guide on Waste Collection and Recycling](#).

Car registration

In case you have been using your vehicle in the country for more than 185 days, an imported vehicle must be registered in the CR. This can only be done in the name of a foreign national with a temporary or long-term residence card. Technical inspection of road eligibility has to be carried out and limited liability insurance must be purchased before the registration. For more details download the [BEC Guide on Driving and Having a car](#).

Driving licence

If you have a valid driving licence issued by a foreign country you may drive in the Czech Republic using that licence alone (if it has been issued according to EU standards) or with your licence plus an additional international driving licence (if your licence has not been issued in accordance with EU standards) till the end of the validity period of the appropriate document(s). If you wish to exchange, extend or apply for a Czech driving licence, you'll need to prove that you've been staying in the CR for more than 185 days. For more details read the [BEC Guide on Driving licence](#).

Tax return, social security

Being an employee or self-employed freelancer entails various obligations for you and your employer. The deadline for submitting the income tax return for the previous fiscal (=calendar) year is April 1st. Self-employed have complex responsibilities involving monthly payments relating to income tax, social security and health insurance. If you fall into this category, you should consult an accountant or get in touch with us in the BEC office. For more details read the [BEC Guide on Being Self-employed](#).

NEEDS

Medical services

It's a good idea to find your local **General Practitioner/Dentist/Pediatrician/Gynecologist** before you might need them urgently. You can register with these doctors as their patient and when you need them you'll know where to go and what to expect. In most cases your GP will examine you and if any follow-up examinations or treatments are necessary s/he will then send you to a specialist. Before you visit any kind of doctor make sure they accept your type of insurance (paying in cash might not be possible everywhere). You can obtain a list of English-speaking doctors from our website in the **[BEC Guide on Medical services](#)**.

In case of serious life-threatening **emergencies** call 112 (European emergency number; the operators speak English). This will bring an ambulance with a medical support team who'll examine and treat you on the spot or, if necessary, take you to hospital. If in need of urgent care (an injury or illness too serious to be dealt with immediately by a general practitioner but not life-endangering), go to the **Trauma Hospital** (*Úrazová nemocnice v Brně*, Ponávka 6, open 24/7 - tel. number: 545 538 111), where there are urgent care facilities for both medical and dental problems. If children and young people (up to the age of 19) need urgent care, you should turn to the **Children's Hospital** (*Dětská nemocnice, Černopolní 9*, urgent care services available 3:30 pm – 7 am on weekdays, 24/7 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, tel. number: 532 231 111). Treatment at an emergency hospital requires you paying an administrative fee 90 CZK.

Non-stop 24/7 emergency pharmacy can be found in the city centre at Bašty 2. Some medications and goods in pharmacies are only available on prescription; others can be bought over the counter. A fairly wide range of prescribed medications (but not all of them) is fully or partially covered by your insurance policy.



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Phone card

To buy a Czech SIM card and phone number you have the option to buy prepaid credit or to sign a contract for a monthly plan with one of the telecommunication providers. Here in the Czech Republic the biggest are O2, T-mobile and Vodafone. You'll find their shops on Masarykova and Česká streets.

Bank account

Having your salary sent directly to a bank account that offers internet banking and a debit card is the way to go. You can choose from a wide variety of banks – larger and smaller, internationally-owned and Czech – each with a portfolio of services. Most of the banks have an office in the city centre. To open an account, you'll need to bring some ID (in Roman characters) and have a local mobile phone number in order to be able to start internet banking and receive the debit card. For a list of banks, a review of foreigner-friendly banks and tips for a pleasant banking experience, read the **[BEC Guide on Bank account](#)**.

Public transport

Brno's transport system is very efficient and convenient. Better than buying individual tickets is to prepay a monthly/quarterly/yearly transport pass valid for all city transport (tram, bus, trolleybus). You can buy this at the main city transport office (Novobranská 18), the Main Train Station or online at **www.brnoid.cz**. Never ride without a valid ticket/pass: ticket inspectors make frequent spot checks of travel documents (passes, tickets, e-tickets). They wear no uniforms but show official badges, and they have the right to see your ID document. If fined, make sure you pay within the next five working days as the fine increases rather rapidly over time. The Brno public transport system is explained at **www.dpmb.cz**. All transport schedules (municipal, plus those for trains and long-distance coaches) are available at **www.idos.cz**, which can also be downloaded as a mobile phone app.

Accommodation

The easiest and safest way to look for accommodation is to use the services of a real estate agency. Such services will cost you, the client, approximately one month's rent. Also, you should be ready to pay one to three months' rent as a security deposit (returnable at the end of your lease) plus at least the first month's rent. Of course you may want to search for your accommodation independently, online (usually in Czech) or via international communities. The main points to keep in mind are who you are dealing with; the actual ownership of the property; the wording of the lease, its specific conditions and its duration; the rent and the security deposit; and the hand-over protocol. Rental practices in the Czech Republic are described in detail in the **[BEC Guide on Housing](#)**.

NEEDS

Schooling

In the Czech Republic, pre-school facilities cater to children aged 3 to 6. Compulsory education goes from the age of 5 to 15. Secondary schools cater to young people from 16 to 19. The school year runs from 1 September until 30 June. Except for the pre-school level, the Czech educational system is overwhelmingly public and free of charge. Educational institutions that offer teaching solely in a language other than Czech will be private, and hence charge fees.

Pre-schooling It's difficult to get your child accepted into a public pre-school facility unless s/he's scheduled to attend primary school in the following school year, you live in the city district where the facility is located and your child is able/willing to function in a Czech-speaking milieu. The official registration period is February-May via a central website (www.zapisdoms.brno.cz); however, it is advised to contact the chosen pre-schools in advance. In all other cases, i.e. children younger than 5 years of age, not speaking Czech or wanting to attend pre-school in a different part of the city, you usually have to resort to a private provider. BEC provides a list of private kindergartens; contact us for details.

Schools There are two schools with English as their sole teaching language, the International School of English (from kindergarten to grade 13) and the American Academy (secondary school). Most schools where the teaching is in Czech will welcome non-Czech-speaking children and do their best to integrate them into the classroom teaching process. One school is more professionally geared to working with children from a non-Czech background. Located at Staňkova 14, it has special classes of Czech for foreigners and also includes intercultural programmes in the curriculum. Registration for the following school year takes place each January-April via a central website (www.zapisdozs.brno.cz). For more information refer to our [BEC Guide on Schools](#).



POSSIBILITIES

Eating out

Czechs are very sociable, and their favourite venues for socializing are the country's innumerable restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs, wine cellars, etc. etc. You'll probably find yourself fitting in easily with this Czech custom. Here we mention just a few things you should know at the beginning of your stay.

First, most Czechs eat their main meal at midday. To meet the demand, virtually every eating establishment offers a selection of fixed-price meals at lunchtime. These are reasonably inexpensive, and in most cases include a soup and a main dish (sometimes a dessert is included, or you can choose two out of three courses). Second, many firms, as part of their employee benefits, cover 50 percent of the cost of meal vouchers, which can be used in the vast majority of eating establishments. This makes meals very inexpensive indeed. Third, Brno offers a wide range of cuisines, from traditional Czech (and its "nouvelle cuisine" variant) through all the classic European cuisines and ethnic foods, to vegetarian/vegan dishes, ecologically-based meals and, most recently, molecular gastronomy. So you should have no problem finding something to satisfy you, at whatever end of the financial scale suits you best.

Finally, Czech beer is indeed the world's best (note that individual beers are marked as 10°, 11°, 12°, etc.; these indicate the relative alcoholic content – the higher the number, the more alcohol – and have nothing to do with the percentage of alcohol in the beverage). And Moravian wines, though a well-kept secret, have been winning top awards at wine competitions worldwide in recent years.

To discover local restaurants, bars and cafés, you can start at www.gotobrna.cz/en/taste-brno



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Leisure time and culture

As the English saying has it, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” Brno certainly has plenty of attractions to keep you from becoming dull.

Brno offers endless opportunities for leisure activities – classes of all sorts, from technical subjects through art and pottery and liter-ary pursuits to yoga and the martial arts; every kind of sport; musical opportunities; dance groups and informal dance sessions; clubbing. There’s probably something here for all tastes. With the sharp rise in the number of expats in the city in recent years, many of these are available in English, and even if not, enough people now speak English that English-speakers can be catered to and are welcome to take part.

Culture, too, is highly developed, in particular musical culture, with innumerable opportunities ranging from the “high end” – opera, ballet, classical music – through musicals and jazz to the world of rock music. Among the city’s almost 40 various theatres there are several with a very expressive and visual style that will appeal to even non-Czech speakers. Brno’s museums and art galleries, both public and private, have extensive permanent collections and regular short-term exhibitions; their collections comprise several millennia of history, and include art and applied art works, architectural and anthropological material, technology (including vintage cars, trams and buses) and even whole buildings that have been preserved and are open to the public because of their major historical importance.

Finally, the Czech Republic has the most extensive network of public hiking paths in the world; recently this has been joined by an equally impressive network of cycle paths. These offer endless opportunities for hiking and cycling in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter, either in the hilly, forested country to the north and west of Brno or in the rolling countryside to the south and east of the city, with its many vineyards and wine cellars.

For more information on leisure and sports activities, read our BEC Guides on Leisure and Sports, Arts and Culture, or Gastronomy. And in the “Living in Brno” section on our website, have a look at the extensive entries on “Arts and culture”. In addition, you can find regular information on upcoming events by going to the website of Brno’s Tourist Information Centre (TIC – www.gotobrna.cz/en) as well as the tourism website for the South Moravia Region (www.jizni-morava.cz/en).

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To close, here are four tips to help you get a first feel for Brno and its environs.

Take the no. 1 tram and get off at the "Přístaviště" stop. A five-minute walk will take you to the edge of the **Brno lake**. From there, you have a choice: going for a swim; setting out on a hike or bike-ride round the lake; taking a boat that zig-zags up the lake to **Veverí Castle**, a wonderful jumble of medieval and later buildings. Even ice skating... At any time of year it's a great place for a day out.

Travel north to the **Moravian Karst** region and enjoy the beautiful wooded countryside, the dramatic **Macocha Abyss** and an underground boat ride through the amazing **Punkva Cave system**.

Go by bus or train to the town of **Mikulov**, situated to the south right by the border with Austria. It's a lovely historical town, with beautiful old buildings, a striking chateau and the fascinating remains of the former Jewish ghetto. And what's more, it's the gateway to the **Pálava Hills** as well as one of Moravia's best wine regions.

Download the Brno Architecture Manual (www.bam.brno.cz/en) and use it to explore Brno's incomparable **Functionalist architectural heritage**, including the UNESCO-listed **Tugendhat Villa**.



COUNCELLING AND ASSISTANCE

NGOs

In addition to the Brno Expat Centre, there are a number of other organizations that offer help free of charge to targeted groups of foreigners.

Euraxess

provides support and assistance to researchers.

www.euraxess.cz

Integration Centre for Foreigners

offers social and legal counselling, Czech language courses and continuing education.

www.cizincijmk.cz

OPU – Organization for Aid to Refugees

offers legal counseling and assists immigrants, above all asylum seekers.

www.opu.cz

Charita Celsuz

offers social counseling to individuals in burdensome social and economic situations. www.celsuz.cz

In Iustitia

provides legal assistance foreigners who are victims of a criminal act or hate crime (racism, discrimination).

www.in-ius.cz

International workers of the City of Brno

Counselling in Russia, Ukrainian, Romanian, Vietnamese and Arabic.

www.socialnipece.brno.cz

DOING BUSINESS

Develop your business with the Brno Expat Centre. We are here to help with the first steps as well as to connect you to the local business infrastructure and networks.

Brno has become the Central European hi-tech hub, attracting international companies, start-ups and individual entrepreneurs, as well. Brno was the first city in the Czech Republic to have its own innovation agency and start-up incubator, the South Moravian Innovation Centre, www.jic.cz – and it keeps leading in many new areas. Whether you are initiating a start-up, branching out your company, or simply becoming self-employed entrepreneur, you can find your bearings in our office.

An overview of the incubators and accelerators, science parks and clusters, co-working spaces and facilities, events and investors is available in the online guide [Getting support for your startup](#).

We can guide you through the process of setting up a business license for a physical person, a freelancer, and explain the obligations and associated payments. Visiting our website and reading the guides **Becoming self-employed** and **Being self-employed** would be a good springboard to start with, before asking for **a meeting with our business consultant**. **Contact us**.

Once you are ready to come out with your business plan, look for feedback, search for partners and business services, you are welcome to join our series of **BEC Business meetings**.

Start here:
brnoexpatcentre.eu/im-an-expat "I want to do business"



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- ▶ Subscribe to the BEC newsletter for interesting articles and tips on upcoming events in town
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- ▶ Network at international meetings hosted by various social groups and organizations
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As BEC partners, international companies and institutions benefit from priority services tailored to meet the needs of their foreign employees.



Red Hat

Red Hat is a rapidly growing company delivering an open source stack of technologies trusted by more than 90% of Fortune 500 companies. Brno is the Red Hat engineering hub in Central Europe and one of Red Hat's most brightly colored offices. The Red Hat Research and Development Centre in Brno is where some of the brightest people who love open source software and problem-solving come to work on the technology they care about. Rated #3 on Aon Hewitt's list of Best Places to Work in Czech Republic, Red Hat is the best place to make a difference together.



AT&T

AT&T in Brno has become a strategic global customer service centre supporting US-based infrastructure and large multinational clients. It is part of an international network of vital support centres. We're proud of our Brno workforce and invest significantly in training, leadership development and mentoring. Indeed such is the commitment and capability of our team that many of the most complex support issues are handed over to the Brno team from around the globe.



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IBM / KYNDRYL

IBM's Client Innovation Centre central Europe is probably the most diverse Client Innovation Center of its kind in the world! It is here that you will find over 90 different nationalities under one roof and colleagues that speak in 30 different languages! At IBM we cover the full scope of Infrastructure Services outsourcing services and we have a young, talented, dynamic and professional team of IBMers that you can join.

Lufthansa InTouch

Would you like to make someone's day every day?
We, at Lufthansa InTouch, care for customers' every wish.
We are best at being in touch!

Would you like to learn what airline industry can offer
and fulfill your dreams to travel the world?

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WHO MADE YOUR DAY TODAY?

Honeywell



Honeywell

Honeywell – a Fortune 100 technology company and one of the Czech top employers with over 110 000 employees worldwide – has recognized the potential of Brno and now has its biggest European research and development center here. Over 1100 employees based in Brno participate on delivery of industry specific solutions that include aerospace products and services; control technologies for buildings, and safety and productivity solutions; and performance materials. Our technologies help everything from aircraft, buildings, manufacturing plants, supply chains, and workers become more connected to make our world smarter, safer, and more sustainable.

Kiwi.com

What's the point in doing things unless you care about them?
At Kiwi.com, we care about travel. We care about sending people on amazing journeys. And we care about doing it well. We're proud of our multicultural team, our weirdly inspiring workplace and the unique technology we've created. We do everything you need to get airborne. From finding routes you never even knew existed, to online booking and reservations for anything you need to take with you, all the way through to our Guarantee to rescue you if you miss a connection. What's not to love?



Infosys

Infosys is a global leader in next-generation digital services and consulting with over 225,000 employees. We enable clients globally to navigate their digital transformation. Our integrated IT and BPM solutions approach unlocks business value across industries and service lines, and addresses business challenges for its clients. In Brno, we are a team of more than 60 different nationalities providing a mix of IT and business services. Join us to explore a variety of interesting careers from hard core IT and technical & application support to banking, finance & accounting, and various digital services. Join us now and explore your future with Infosys!



NETSCOUT

We Assure and Protect Our Connected World. NETSCOUT is in the business of smart data, getting the right data, fast, delivering the data to the people and the systems that need it. We distill real-time, precise intelligence from the noise of network traffic data, simplifying the complexity without losing any details. Our technology, NETSCOUT Smart Data, uniquely forges the intelligence to drive networks and applications performance, to deliver an unmatched user experience, and to find and fix advanced cyber and DDoS threats.



Thermo Fisher

Thermo Fisher Scientific is the world leader in serving science, with revenues of \$18.3 billion and approximately 50,000 employees in 50 countries. We help our customers accelerate life sciences research, solve complex analytical challenges, improve patient diagnostics and increase laboratory productivity. In the Czech republic, Materials & Structural Analysis (formerly FEI) designs and manufactures the broadest range of high-performance microscopy workflow solutions.



Atlas Copco

Atlas Copco, though not that noticeably, is almost everywhere. Every third car in the world uses tools made by Atlas Copco, we help the producers of mobile phone displays, planes, beer. Originally established in 1873 in Sweden, our company produces compressors, vacuum pumps, industrial tools and construction machines and is proud to have 34,000 employees all over the world. In the Czech Republic, we own two Shared Service Centres: one in Prague and the other in Brno, the manufacturing plant in Lutín and service technology centre in Brno - Slatina. The Brno location has more than 500 employees and provides commercial support in areas like compressor and vacuum pump equipment and service of vacuum pumps from the whole world.



Hangar 13

Hangar 13 is the internal 2K development studio behind the award-winning Mafia III. 2K Czech in Brno is one of four Hangar 13 vibrant locations. We develop top AAA games for PC and consoles (XONE, PS4) distributed world-wide. We are one of the major game-developing companies. Our portfolio consists of titles such as Hidden & Dangerous, Vietcong, Top Spin 4, and Mafia. We are currently expanding our own proprietary engine and developing new tools in service of our next unannounced title. We are hiring artists, programmers, and other game developers.



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