

● 6 月度土曜例会

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ゲストスピーカーはチェコの Stepan さん。プロフィールは彼のブログより。奥さんは美人の多いコロンビア出身 Maria さん。4 月の木曜例会でラテンアメリカの文化について話してくれました。国際結婚も日本対外国、というパターンは身近ですが、ロシア、ペルーまたはコロンビア、チェコと聞くと改めて国際結婚のインパクトを感じますね。タイトルは“Czech Republic: The Heart of Europe”です。

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1) Heart of Europe

下の map で一目瞭然、ヨーロッパの心臓部に位置します。周囲は山に囲まれ日本と比べて国土面積は 1/3 ですが、北海道を旅した時あまりにも雰囲気はチェコに似ているのでびっくりしたそうです。もちろん家の形、大きさはずいぶん違っていましたが、日本と同様四季の変化もはっきりしています。近年雪の量はめっきり少なくなりました。

2) People, religion & language

人口は 1,000 万、首都 Prague で 150 万、Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia 地方に分かれ、Czech 81.2%、Moravian 13.2%、Silesian 0.4%、Slovak 3.1% (大半は学生)、Roma 0.3% の民族構成です。宗教は Atheist が何と 40%以上 (2001 年のデータでは

60%)、Roman Catholic 40%、説明ではさらっと通ってしまいましたが、この点再確認してみたいですね。言語は Czech 95%です。

3) Food

Czech cuisine is marked by a strong emphasis on meat dishes. Pork is quite common, and beef and chicken are also popular. Knedlíky (boiled and sliced dumplings) are one of the mainstays of Czech cuisine and are quite often served with meals. Beer in the Czech Republic has a long and important history. Most towns had at least one brewery, the most famous brewing cities in Bohemia were Budweis, Plzeň and had breweries in the 13th century. Hops have been grown in the region for a long time, and were used in beer making and exported from here since the twelfth century. The Czech Republic has the highest beer consumption per capita in the world.

The most famous Czech beer brands are Pilsner Urquell and Budweiser Budvar. The term “Budweiser” is also regarded as an appellation in the Czech Republic because it is the adjective taken from the German name for Budweis. It was a German immigrant to the United States who coined the term for his beer when he established the Budweiser brewery.



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4) History

6th century slovenes begin setting into Czech area

13th Bohemian Kingdom

15th Jan Hus spoke against the Catholic Church

16th Austrian Hapsburg dynasty

18th European wars

1918 WW I Czeckoslovakia

1939 invaded by Hitlers army

1945 WW II ends.The communist Era

1968 Prague Spring

1989 Velvet revolution

1993 Czechoslovakia peacefully split into two countries

1999 NATO

2004 European Union

5) Tradition

Christmas dinner wouldn't be the same without Carp and potato salad. Another integral part of the Czech Christmas celebrations are Christmas cookies. Some of the ever-presents on Czech Christmas tables are honey gingerbread (medové perníčky) decorated with icing, vanilla rolls, Linz pastry and Christmas loaf with raisins. Baked sweet dishes at Easter reflect Christian symbols: Lamb shaped sponge cake are baked in special moulds and other types of cakes and doughnuts are also prepared.

Around Easter time in Prague and the Czech Republic, it is possible to find hand-painted Easter eggs for sale. Easter eggs vary in the ways they have been decorated and the colors and designs used. Some Easter egg designs are regional designs.

6) Souvenirs

Czech Puppet and Marionette

Czech Republic has a long history of puppets, and therefore marionettes or puppets made in the Czech Republic are wonderful Czech souvenirs. It is possible to find toy puppets and marionettes in Prague as well as puppets and marionettes that are expertly crafted, delicately detailed, and priced to reflect their quality.

The garnet is the Czech national gem, and therefore a perfect souvenir of your Czech adventure. While artificial garnets abound, at reputable shops it's possible to find reasonably-priced and good-quality garnets in gold, gold-plated silver, or other settings.

Czech Glass and Crystal

The Czech Republic is famous for its crystal and glass. Peruse some of the finer, established galleries, or pick up a couple of less expensive pieces at souvenir shops. These Czech souvenirs are wonderful gifts to bring back to loved ones – but again – they require care in transport.

A bottle of Becherovka makes a great souvenir for visitors to the Czech Republic to take home.





7) Famous people

Charles IV(King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor)、Jan Hus(reformatory preacher), Jan Zinka(military leader), Jan Amos Komensky(education reformer), Bedrich Smetana, Antonin Dvorak, Alphonse Mucha, Franz Kafka, Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, Jaroslav Heyrovsky, Milan Kundera, Milos Forman, Otto Wichterle の名前を挙げていました。テニスファンとしては Ivan Lendl, Navratilova,また体操の Caslavka が思い浮かびます。

最後はスメタナのモルダウをバックに美しいチェコの様々な建物、自然、風景スライドによる Sightseeing に誘ってくれました。Q & A では

。日本は6週間の夏休みだけれど？ 大学では11週講義、4週テスト、1ヶ月

休みのパターン。

。リタイアした人達の様子は？ You don't work so hard. Drink beer, do sports. ヨーロッパは西から東へ

北から南へ、チェコは中央だからハードさ加減も中間、日本のリタイアした人たちはアクティブですね。

。鯉の料理方法は？フライが主、チェコは海が無いから魚は全て淡水魚です。

。ピルセンビール、その他本物のビールは決して二日酔いしません。

。家のお値段は？ Very expensive です。(調査結果 2009 年版下記のデータが見つかりました

PRAGUE - Apartment 80sq.m の価格 319,520 ユーロ、レンタル月 978 ユーロ、120sq.m で 481,800、1,562 ユーロ GDP 比が 1.6 倍ですから結構しますね)

。チェコは戦略上重要地点です。政治経済的には EU に、オイルはロシアに、America is very far.

5時以降おいしいビールが飲めるように上手くやらなければなりません。