

- Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to our presentation about the Czech Republic. Thank you for coming and staying. First, while we prepare the presentation, we prepared a short quiz about the Czech Republic, so feel free to spend one to two minutes on it. We will tell you the correct answers later. (And don't worry, no one is going to collect that back from you.)

- So hopefully you have all finished the quiz and we can start the presentations. First I will tell you a couple of random, actual facts about the Czech Republic. On the screen you can see the flag of the Czech Republic

- ...just kidding, this is a flag of Philippines. This is the flag of the Czech Republic.

- The Czech Republic is a small country which lies right in the center of Europe,

- which is a continent right across the Atlantic ocean.

- I thought the best way to start this presentation is to tell you a couple of facts which didn't fit to any other slide, so here we go:

- We speak Czech in the Czech Republic. There will be a presentation on the Czech language later, stay tuned.

- The capital city of the Czech Republic is Prague. We all go to school in Prague and a couple of you are going to go there for like two weeks. Stay tuned.

- The Czech currency is the Czech Crown. (There are debates as of what to do with Euros, we promised that we will switch to Euro eventually, but now we do not want to.) For one dollar you can get roughly 23 Czech Crowns.

- The average annual net income per person is roughly 12.5k USD. Even though it may look really small on the first sight, this is net income, i.e. after subtracting all taxes, health insurance and other deductions.

- Unlike US, we have compulsory health insurance partially guaranteed by the government. Also the children, elderly and unemployed have their health insurance paid by the government. This means that no individual is denied health care due to medical debts. It surely has some downsides, too, but I don't want to spend more time on this, I just thought that it might be interesting for you.

- We also have "free" (tax-paid) education. A fun fact is that, contrary to the US, the private schools are almost always much lower quality than the public ones.

- Last and not least, since recently, the country can officially be called Czechia. I haven't got used to it yet.

- Even though none of the Czech students here is quite an avid alcohol consumer, on average the Czechs are. We have the largest beer consumption per capita per year in the entire world, basically twice as much as weakling US. The drinking age in the Czech Republic is 18.

- Talking about beer, the Czechs are very proud of the local beers. We have really a lot of them, - such as Budweiser Budvar
- which by the way is the true Budweiser
- unlike some shitty sewer water. (The trademark collision has a rich history which I can tell you about later if you want.)
- The Czech Republic is one of the most atheist and secular countries in the world. Only about a third of the population recognize themselves as theists.
- But being atheist doesn't prevent us from celebrating Christian holidays, such as Easter. It is a tradition for the guys to knit a "pomlázka" from willow twigs and go to the girls in their village on Easter Monday and spank their butts with the "pomlázka". For some reason, this tradition is often not understood and frowned upon by foreigners, but even the girls like it, right, Janča? RIGHT?!
- When flying over the Czech Republic, make sure to look at the landscape. When not forested, there are usually a lot of irregularly shaped small crop fields and meadows with a lot of small villages very close to each other.
- Talking about a lot of small villages, I cannot not mention the Czech public transportation network. It is really dense, there is a bus or a train going to basically every middle of nowhere. On the screen you can see the map of the Czech railway network 
- by the way, did you know that the single-seat sleeper coach is one of the famous inventions of the very Czech inventor, playwright, politician, teacher and patriot Jára Cimrman?
- But never mind, as I told you, the public transportation is very dense, which very much lowers the need for cars in the Czech Republic.
- And this leads us to the last part of my presentation. The Czech Republic is the most castle-rich country in Europe with over 200 castles. I will boast with a couple of pictures of them, as well as other buildings which we consider "okay looking".
- As I said a couple of moments ago, due to the public transportation, we do not need that many cars. And also the road infrastructure is sometimes lacking. This is a picture of the D1 highway connecting Prague and Brno. (To be fair, it is being renovated.)
- Renaissance Hluboká castle
- Gothic Karlštejn castle, where we might take the Prague visitors if they so desire.
- The gothic Prague castle where our president resides. (A photo of St. Vitus cathedral with no people around, which like never happens.)
- The (nono)gothic Kokořín castle
- The baroque St. Nicholas Church, or as we call it, school.

- The renaissance summer residence Hvězda...ooh, sorry, this is the dormitory Hvězda, where the visiting students will live.
- This is the summer residence Hvězda.
- And the very famous Charles bridge from 1350's
- Thank you for the attention, and because I am evil,
- I would like to leave you with a photo of the Czech president.