Long And Not Very Interesting History of The Czech Republic

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It All Started...

around the 5th century, when Slavic peoples got bored of the Black Sea and moved in the middle of nowhere – The Czech Lands

Many foreign cultures sent scholars and diplomats to the region to enrich it

... it gets worse later
Middle Ages

The Czechs established a kingdom and had some powerful and progressive rulers like Karel IV.
Karel (Charles) IV. (The Fourth)

• established every important structure in Prague and most of the important buildings throughout Czech Republic

• Examples include:
  – Charles University
  – Charles Bridge
  – Charles Square
  – Karlštejn (Charles Castle)

Charles University (1348) vs. Rutgers (1766)
Military Achievements

The Czech Lands got overtaken by:
- Hungarians (Huns) - 600
- Austrians (Austria-Hungary) (16th c. - 1918)
- Swedish - 17th century
- French (Napoleonic Wars, 19th c.)
- Germans (Nazi Germany)
- Russians (part of the Soviet block)

We still expect to get invaded by:
- Poland
- Slovakia
Czechoslovakia

• Slovakia used to be part of the Czechoslovak Republic in the modern times

• However, they felt neglected, since Czech Lands was larger (and maybe richer)

• In 1993, they decided to create their own country – and they’re doing fine!

• Let’s wish them the Euro won’t collapse...
Czech President

• deserves an entire slide
  – Economist
  – Very libertarian, right-wing
  – Does not believe “global warming” exists
  – Parties either endorse him or strongly disagree with him
  – Opposes the Euro
  – Likes to express his opinions
  – Good topic for (pub) discussions in the Czech Rep.