

Similarities & Differences Between USA and Czech Republic



Food and Drinks

Small differences

Bread



Chleba



Hot dog



Párek v rohlíku



Fast Food



And of course many American chains ...



Drinks

- Legal drinking age: 18
- Water in restaurants
 - often no free tap water, only mineral water
 - beer is usually cheaper
- Drinking fountains
 - rare



Traditions - Easter

US



Kids search for eggs

Czech



Men beat women with a decorated stick (pomlázka) to get eggs (or alcohol)



Halloween



Kids scare adults to get candy

Mikuláš St. Nicholas (Dec 05)



St. Nicholas with devils and angel

Older children or adults scare children and give them candy

Greetings

- Dobrou chut' = Bon appétit (Enjoy your meal)
 - before eating a meal
- Jak se máš? = How are you?
 - Different usage:
 - either the asking person is your friend and expects an exhaustive answer
 - or it is Borat



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Most are different



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1 km in miles



1 kilometer = 0.621371192 miles

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Public Transport

- Timetables at each stop



- Subway, trams and buses can be entered freely, but you pay a fine if you get caught without a validated ticket



Other

- Electricity:

- different voltage (110V vs. 220V) and plugs
- adapters necessary
- check voltage on appliances



- AC not everywhere

- not even in buses
- but it is always cold in subway



- Tips

- around 5% (often still too much for the service provided)
- some taxis „include tip“ - multiples of the usual price