



Embassy of the Czech Republic  
Washington, DC

## Czech Christmas Market:



Joy to the world!  
The time has come...

The Embassy of the Czech Republic  
invites you to the

### Czech Christmas Market 2019

November 9, 10 am - 4 pm

featuring:

- ☉ Mulled wine
- ☉ Glass ornaments
- ☉ Exquisite handcrafted jewelry
- ☉ Fine art photography
- ☉ Rare prints, lithographs & etchings
- ☉ Bohemian crystal
- ☉ Decadent Prague chocolates
- ☉ Delicious Czech pastries & gingerbread
- ☉ Moravian wines & traditional liquors

Christmas carols sung by Czech children  
Selfies with live animals

Embassy of the Czech Republic  
Spring of Freedom Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Admission free | RSVP not required

The Embassy of the Czech Republic invites all from near and far to its annual Czech Christmas Market on November 9, 2019, from 10 am to 4 pm. This year, we bring you a newly designed market, more vendors, a larger variety and the spirit of the season. Browse stands filled with beautiful handcrafted ornaments, Bohemian crystal, exquisite bead and glass jewelry, fine art, etchings & lithographs, decadent Prague chocolates, and Moravian wines & traditional liquors.

With the help of the Harddecree Creative Studio flying in from Prague, the Czech Embassy and its grounds will be turned into a magical Czech Christmas market. Enjoy the taste and smell of mulled wine as well as an assortment of delicious Czech pastries & gingerbread, and savory cuisine.

Families will adore the array of live animals from the Nativity scene for selfies and cuddles. The children of American Sokol Washington DC and Slavic American Sokol will perform Czech Christmas carols.

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date/Time: November 9, 2019, 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Embassy of the Czech Republic

3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Admission is free. | Reservations are not required.

The first 100 at the market will receive a free gingerbread cookie!

*Some of the vendors cannot accept credit cards, so please bring cash as well.*

**Embassy Security Policy:** For entrance, all guests will be subject to security screening. Photo ID is required. Bags and suitcase are not allowed. Only small purses are permitted but must be opened for inspection. Coat check is not available.

**Parking:** Non-metered parking is available on Spring of Freedom Street and Tilden Street.

**Closest Metro:** The Embassy is about a 15-20 minute walk from the Van Ness Metro Station.

## PERFORMERS



### **American Sokol Washington DC** | <http://www.sokolwashington.org/>

American Sokol Washington DC provides fitness and community for individuals and families of Czech, Slovak and Moravian heritage, as well as for any other interested persons. The non-profit organization offers an array of sports and outdoor-appreciation activities, and a variety of social, cultural and educational opportunities.



### **Slavic American Sokol** | <http://www.slavicamericansokol.org/>

Slavic American Sokol promotes and provides education in the Czech, Slovak and other Slavic languages, folklore, culture and athletics. The non-profit organization includes individuals of Czech and Slovak heritage and others interested in learning about the language, folklore, and culture. It also provides translation services and advice on visiting the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

## COMPANIES



### **European Trading Company** | <http://www.europetrade.us/>

The European Trading Company imports hundreds of handmade Christmas glass ornaments from the Czech Republic. It hand selects its collections from designers and artisans with centuries old skills and traditions of fine glass blowing and decorating, yet following the latest trends. Since 1994, the family business has imported over half a million ornaments to the United States.



### **Topix Crystal Art** | <http://www.topixcrystalart.com/>

Topix Crystal Art is a distributor of fine Bohemian crystal imported from the Czech Republic. Each piece is mouth-blown, handcrafted, cut and painted by the most skilled crystal makers, following traditions dating back to the eleventh century. The pieces reflect both classical glass-making techniques and the latest sophisticated processes. Topix has a wide selection of exquisite pieces, ranging from traditional tableware to chandeliers and other works of art.



### **Preciosa** | <http://www.preciosa.com>

Preciosa's crystal jewelry and décor delight those who love beauty all around the world. Luxurious jewelry and sought-after fashion accessories are created in the cradle of the world's glass jewelry industry. From the centuries-old tradition of Bohemian cut crystal, Preciosa enriches each creation with craftsmanship, skills and the latest technologies. Preciosa represents the essence of fine and elegant beauty.



### **Shelalee** | [www.shelalee.com](http://www.shelalee.com)

Shelalee is a small, women-owned business handcrafting unique jewelry using Czech glass beads. Founded in 2012 by two moms, Shelalee has been focusing on inspiring the virtue of beauty as the reflection of uniqueness, compassion, kindness, and strength hidden in every single woman. All Shelalee products are designed and hand-crafted in quantities limited to one or just a few pieces.



### **Lillis Photography** | <https://www.lillisphotography.com/>

Lillis Photography is a fine art, portrait, and event photography business in Washington, DC. Lillis has served as the official photographer for the American Friends of the Czech Republic for over ten years. She has photographed Czech leaders on many occasions and has traveled to the Czech Republic, capturing architectural and landscape images. She also provides her artwork to hospitality and healthcare industries. She is represented by Grand Image, an art consultant in Seattle.



**Robinson's Rare Books and Fine Prints** | <http://www.robinprints.com/>

Robinson's Rare Books and Fine Prints is an art gallery in Harrisburg, PA, specializing exclusively in original prints, specifically etchings, lithographs, and wood engravings. With more than 1,000 artworks in stock, prints by Czech artists from the past 100 years dominate the store's collection. Its featured artist is Ladislav Hanka.



**OM Design & Photography** | [www.omdesignandphotography.com/](http://www.omdesignandphotography.com/)

OM Design & Photography designs calendars, invitations, brochures, custom logos, stationary and branding for business or personal needs. With an architectural and design background and over 20 years of photography experience, OM Design and Photography believes in capturing life through photographs using natural light and environment and creating simple and clean graphic designs and logos. Its custom high-end calendars focus on the beauty of the Czech Republic and Prague.



**Bistro Bohem** | [www.bistrobohem.com](http://www.bistrobohem.com)

Bistro Bohem is the only restaurant offering Czech cuisine in Washington, DC. It is unique to the area, featuring Central European dishes such as schnitzel, goulash, and pork shank. The bistro serves authentic Czech beer and in-house flavored vodkas. Bistro Bohem will serve their signature eggnog.



**La Bohemia Bakery** | <http://labohemiabakery.com/>

La Bohemia Bakery is a European artisan bakery located in Rockville, Maryland. Its priority is bringing authentic quality European baked goods to customers at an affordable price. The bakery's menu includes pastries, tarts and cakes, savory baked goods, breads, and mouthwatering sandwiches.



**Steiner & Kovarik Prague Chocolate** | <https://www.prazskacokolada.cz/prague-chocolate>

Steiner & Kovarik Prague Chocolate is a Czech family owned premium chocolate company founded in 2005. A consistent recipient of the international Great Taste Award, Steiner & Kovarik produces only the highest quality of handmade chocolates manufactured in its own local factory. Wide varieties of chocolates are wrapped in luxurious gift packaging featuring unique designs and motives. It is a family business truly integrating originality with the power of love.



**Medové Perníčky** | [www.pernicky.brych.cz](http://www.pernicky.brych.cz)

Ludmila Brychtová specializes in making and decorating gingerbread cookies for every occasion, especially for Christmas. Following traditions going back to 1335AD in the Czech Republic, Brychtová uses just the right amount of honey to make her gingerbread the perfect sweet for everyone.



**Ahtel Wines and Brilliant Wines Club** | <https://brilliantwinesclub.com/>

Ahtel Wines imports brilliant wines from Moravia, Czech Republic, and through Brilliant Wines Club, brings these wines direct to US consumers. Ahtel Wines works with winemakers that possess a respect for terroir and are benchmarks in their region, and as such, its portfolio presents quality, small-production old-world style wines as well as indigenous regional varietals from Central Europe. Ahtel Wines strives to make everyone aware of the great wines of the region.



**R. Jelínek** | <https://www.rjelinek.us/>

R. Jelínek is a producer of Jelinek Slivovitz, a national brand and plum brandy from the Plum Valley in the Czech Republic. Established by the Jelínek family in 1894, the privately owned company continues to adhere to its tradition of kosher distillery production. Exporting the popular brandy to the United States since 1934, it currently distributes in over 30 states.



**Becherovka** | [www.becherovka.com](http://www.becherovka.com)

Becherovka has a distinctly complex and incomparable flavor, blended with more than twenty herbs and spices with aromatic oils, alcohol, and the mineral-rich water from the Czech spa town Karlovy Vary. First created in 1807, it is the number one exported spirit from the Czech Republic and its recipe remains closely guarded by the Becher family to this day.



**Frederick County Sheep Breeders & Blue Rock Farm**

<http://www.fredericksheepbreeders.com/>

**Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeders**

<http://www.whisperingmeadowsalpaca.com/>

The Frederick County Sheep Breeders is a Maryland-based sheep and goat producers association. Its purpose is to promote as well as to educate the public regarding sheep, goat and lamb activities in Maryland. The association as well as the Blue Rock Farm and Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeders will be selling wool and alpaca stockings, hats, figurines, and other items. Lambs, goats, and alpacas will be on hand for selfies and cuddles.