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1. Jiřího z Poděbrad (King George) Square

PRAGUE • CITY Square stretches along Vinohradská street in Prague 3. The square was founded in 1896 and until 1948 it was called King George Square. The square is formed by a park with a Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord raising in its middle.

2. Church of the most Sacred Heart of Our Lord

The church is by right considered one of the most significant sacral constructions of the 20th century. In 1919 the open tender for the construction of the church was won by the project of a noted Slovenian architect Josip Plečnik, it was him who had carried out the contemporary appearance of Prague Castle.

3. Skroupa's Square

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Close to the Žižkov television tower and Riegrovy Sady (Rieger Gardens) there is an unusual round square which is called after the noted Czech composer František Škroup. On December 10th, 1988 the first officially authorized manifestation of the opposite groups in the normalization period took place in Škroupovo square.

4. Žižkov Television Tower

Žižkov Television Tower is the Prague's highest building in general. The televison tower creates unique panorama of Prague and has become essential part of the cosmopolis. Žižkov television tower was built between 1985 – 1992 and is two hundred and sixteen meters high. In 2000, the Žižkov Television Tower was enricheed by the work of David Černý, called "Miminka" or Babies.

5. The Old Jewish Cemetery in Prague's Žižkov

The cemetery was founded in 1680 as a pest cemetery for the Prague Jewish community. Burials started here again in the 18th century at the period of a plaque epidemic and afterwards regularly after 1787. There are many imporatnt personalities among the 40.000,00 buried people – rabbis, scholars etc.

6. Telephone Exchange in Fibichova street

The unique Žižkov panorama is, besides the Žižkov TV Tower, formed also by the building of the International Telephone and Tepegraph Exchange. The building was constructed between 1922 - 1925.

The Palace Akropolis is a centre of music and dramatic arts these days. It has gained a number of significant awards such as The Best Rock Club from the weekly periodical Prague Post and The Interior of the Year from the Czech Architects' Community. No wonder, because the exceptional interior awakes lots of emotions in the visitors.

The name Sladkovského is related to a noted Czech politician and journalist Karel Sladkovský (1823-1880). Karel Sladkovský actively participated in the revolution of 1848 as a spokesman of students. Sladkovský was buried in the neighbouring Olšanské hřbitovy (Olšany Cemeteries).

9. Church of St. Prokop

Stavba kostela byla zahájena dne 30. října 1898 k příležitosti 50. výročí vlády císaře Františka Josefa I Podíleli se na ní Josef Mocker a František Mikš. Kostel dlouhý více než padesát metrů a vysoký přes sedmdesát metrů je schopen pojmout přes dva tisíce lidí a tvoří jednu z dominant Žižkova.

In the past, a splendid estate called Bezovka was to be found in Prague's Žižkov. The estate became a significant cultural and social place. Balls, concerts and films were visited here, which helped to develop our cinematography. In 1936, due to enlargement of Prokopova street Bezovka was pulled down. The name of the gorgeous original building is carried by a panel house with a subway and a shopping park system and it is also interesting that the windows have steel construction. these days. What would those people who used to go dancing to Bezovka say when looking at this not very attractive building

11. Olšanské Square

Olšanské Square began to take shape during the hasty construction of Zizkov, around the year 1919. Today's appearance, but gave up in the 70s and 80s of the 20th century, when it started a modern achieve the bachelor, master or even doctoral degree in the field of Economics. sanitation Prague's Zizkov and trying to modernize the panel construction.

In the neighbourhood of Olšanské náměstí (Olšany Square) the largest necropolis of Prague is to be found. Remarkable is mainly its surface area currently exceeding incredible fifty hectares. Another curiosity is the amount of the buried people which exceeds one hundred and twelve thousand. This state, however, has been noted from the extant tombstones but the experts insist that about two million people had been buried here during the existence of Olšany Cemeteries. Olšany Cemeteries is therefore considered the largest cemetery in the Czech Republic

13. Church of St. Roch

St. Rocha is the oldest church Žižkov. It was built in 1682, designed by the famous baroque architect J.B.Matheye. After the Olšanské cemeteries began burying those who succumb to plague, began to serve as the main cemetery church.

14. Underground shelter Bezovka below Parukarka Hill

Now we will learn about one of the largest fallout shelters in the territory of Prague 3. It is an underground complex Bezovka. It was carried out between 1950 -1955 below Holy Cross Hill. It was made of ferroconcrete construction which is in places even three meters thick. The underground areas, which can contain more than two thousand people, can be entered by five entrances. The entrances are protected by huge metal doors, each weighting around four tons.

15. Parukářka Park and Holy Cross Hill

Žižkov is not just a place of high houses, shopping centers, bars or restaurants. It has a lot to offer to the lovers of nature which is common for this part of Prague. Vrch svatého Kříže (Holy Cross Hill), rather familiar under the name Parukářka, is its good prove.

The square in Žižkov was called Basileiské in 1932. In that year the square got the familiar appearance we know today. The name was derived just like the other names in Žižkov from the Hussite revolution period. At that time, between 1431 - 1448 a clerical Council was held in the Swiss town Basel. At that time, the Council of Basel listened to the Czech delegation and openly acknowledged the so-called Basel Compacts (Compactata) or Four Articles of Prague. The most important point of the Articles was the acknowledgement of the claim to practise communion using a cup for the members of the Czech Hussi-

17. Vítkov Hill

Vítkovský vrch is another of the Žižkov parks stretching on the right riverbank of Vltava. The Hill is to be found between Žižkov and Karlín and it is separating these parts from each other. Besides a pleasant walk you can view the National Memorial, statue of Jan Žižka or visit the Armádní muzeum (Military Museum) here.

18. National Memorial at Vítkov

The National Memorial at Vítkov ranks among the greatest Žižkov view points. The memorial had been through many interesting moments in its history. It served as commemoration for legionaries, it turned into a storage place of Wehrmacht's military material, it was used for the propaganda of the communist regime and currently a museum of the modern Czech and Czechoslovak history is located there.

19. Army Museum in Žižkov

Armádní muzeum (Army Museum) in Prague district Žižkov has been through many changes during its existence. In every historic period the expositions were changed and transformed. Let's together see the collections related to the significant war events.

20. Winston Churchill Square

There are several interesting buildings in the premises of the square. The square is not only located in the neighbourhood of Prague Main Railway Station, Vítkov Hill, but the tourists have there an opportunity to view a noted functionalist structure, House of Trade Unions. Besides, there is also the building of University of Economics in the east side which was built in 1935.

21. House of Trade Unions

The construction works started exactly on April 1st, 1932. House of Trade Unions is tiled by small, light, ceramic plates. Due to the small plates the building got a nickname kachlíkárna (tile house). There are about seven hundred offices behind the walls of Kachlíkárna. It is equipped by a sophisticated ventilation

22. University of Economics

A dominant building in Winston Churchill Square is a significant public institute providing education in the field of economics and related subjects. The historical development of the University of Economics had been largely influenced mainly by the political background. Nowadays the students have an opportunity to

23. Stadium of the Football Club Viktoria Žižkov

Our next stop will be the home stadium of one of the oldest football clubs in Bohemia. FK Viktoria Žižkov.

If you are looking for a place to rest in Prague 3, to relax and gain new energy for more wandering in this part of Prague, then Rieger Gardens are the right choice. These Vinohrady gardens, called after a noted Czech politician, rank by right among the most popular places.

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