Public Transport during Christmas Holidays

When it comes to those manning public transport at Christmas time, there’s nothing to envy. The fact that they know well in advance that they will have to sit behind the wheel or control panel on Christmas Eve or New Year’s Eve does not make it any easier. They have to go to work and that’s it.

What will this year’s festive timetables be like in Prague? They will basically not be much different from last year’s.

As most people do not go to work on Christmas Eve, i.e. 24th December, Saturday timetables will be in operation until 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. the city public transport will be serviced by night timetables.

A welcome change for Christmas Eve has been prepared for those who make use of suburban trains. They used to end their operation at 6 or 7 p.m. This year, however, they will run until midnight.

On Christmas Day and St. Stephen’s Day, i.e. on 25th and 26th December, public transport will follow Sunday timetables. From 28th to 30th December, inclusive, Prague public transport will operate just like on any other week day but with holiday intervals and without school buses.

Public transport on New Year’s Eve will again follow an ordinary weekday timetable but only until nine or ten o’clock in the evening. Ferry boats and the funicular, however, will end their operation at 7 p.m. Public transport will then follow the night regime, yet the intervals will be shorter than usual – 15 min. approx. Praguers often want to know what time the last metro will leave. This year, the last metro trains should set off at about half past one in the morning!

New Year’s Day operation will then follow Sunday timetables.

Tram, Metro and Bus Services in Christmas

Prague public transport service between 23rd December and 2nd January 2010

With respect to school holidays and the restricted working hours of some companies, Prague Transit Co is amending its services during Christmas public holidays.

The first restrictions will start as early as a day before Christmas Eve and will carry on until Saturday, 2nd January, when the weekend schedules will apply.

Basic changes:

23rd December 2009

Bus line n. 143 as well as regular public transport school lines and services will not be operating.

24th December 2009 – 2nd January 2010

Bus lines n. 143, 182, regular public transport school lines and services will not be operating. Bus stops Divoká Šárka in Libocka Street (lines n. 108, 179 and 225) and Elišky Přemyslovny (lines n. 129, 241, 243 and 318) will be cancelled.

Changes in operation:

24th December 2009 – Christmas Eve

Metro will operate according to Saturday timetables, until 7 p.m. From 7 p.m. to the last metro, there will be 15 min intervals on all lines.

Last metro will start from stations:

line A – Dejvická at 0.14 a.m., Depo Hostivař at 0.10 a.m.
line B – Zličín at 11.55 p.m. to Černý Most, at 0.10 a.m. to Českomoravská,
Černý Most at 11.55 h to Zličín, at 0.10 a.m. to Smichovské nádraží
line C – Letňany at 0.07 a.m., Háje at 0.10 a.m.

**Trams** will be operating according to Saturday timetables. From 4.30 p.m., services will be gradually restricted to finish at 6.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Night trams will be operating with 30 minute interval from about 7 p.m. Capacities of vehicles will be increased on lines n. 7, 11, 19, 57 and 58.

**Buses** will be operating according to Saturday timetables, until 7.30 p.m. Day routes will stop operating between 7.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. According to valid timetables, all connections departing from terminal stations will be operating until 6.30 p.m. Night busses will start operating with regular intervals from 7 p.m. Line n. 513 will have 120 minute interval. Lines n. 240, 316, 317, 321, 356, 363, 385 and 601–605 will be operating according to special timetables.

Operation of the funicular will finish with the last ride at 7 p.m.; ferries will terminate at 7 p.m.

**25th December 2009 – 30th December 2009**

On 25th, 26th and 27th December 2009 all public transport lines will be operating according to Sunday timetables. On 28th, 29th and 30th December 2009, the majority of public transport lines will be operating according to weekday and holiday timetable. Suburban lines will be operating according to valid timetables, including the restrictions stated in timetables.

**New Year – 31st December 2009**

**Metro** will operate according to special timetables. Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., all lines will operate with 5 minute intervals (apart from the section Skalka–Depo Hostivař, where the interval will be 10 minutes); between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. there will be 7.5 minute interval.

From 9 p.m., all lines will be operating with 10 minute interval. Services will be extended to about 1.30 a.m. on 1st January 2010.

Last connections will leave from stations:

- line A – Dejvická at 1.30 a.m., Depo Hostivař at 1.33 a.m.,
- line B – Zličín at 1.20 h to Černý Most, at 1.30 h to Českomoravskou, Černý Most at 1.25 a.m. to Zličína, at 1.35 a.m. to Smíchovské nádraží
- line C – Letňany at 1.24 a.m., Háje at 1.24 a.m.

**Trams** will operate according to weekday and holiday timetables, until 9.30 p.m. Day lines will stop operating between 9.30 and 10 p.m. According to valid timetables, all connections departing from terminal stations will operate until 9.30 p.m. Afterwards they will be replaced by night trams with 15 minutes intervals and increased capacity of vehicles on all trams. All guaranteed interchange stations will be cancelled for the whole night.

**Buses** will be operating according to weekday and holiday timetables, until 9.30 p.m. Day lines will stop operating between 9.30 and 10 p.m. According to valid timetables, all connections departing from terminal stations will operate until 9.30 p.m. Night lines will start operating from about 10 p.m. Lines n. 501, 502, 503, 506, 507, 509, 512 will have 30 minute interval, lines n. 504, 505, 508, 510 and 511 will have 15 minute interval. Line n. 513 will operate with 120 minute interval. Lines n. 240, 304, 316, 317, 321, 332, 333, 341, 353, 356, 363, 381, 385 and 601–606 will operate according to special timetables. All guaranteed interchange stations will be cancelled for the whole night.

**Operation of funicular** will finish with the last ride at 10 p.m., ferries will operate according to regular timetables.

**New Year and weekend 1st January and 2nd January 2010**

On Friday 1st January, all public transport lines will be operating according to Sunday timetables.

On Saturday 2nd January, all public transport lines will be operating according to Saturday timetables.

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