

66. LETNÍ ŠKOLA SLOVANSKÝCH STUDIÍ V PRAZE

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Legendary Prague – Ghosts and Legends of the Old Town

Short guided walk around both famous and forgotten sites of central Prague with focus on local folkloric legends, rumours and stories depicting both ancient past and present times. We will also get acquainted with local place names and narratives connected with historical events of the Middle Ages and Early Modern period, and discuss dynamics between local knowledge and its modern commodification connected with global tourism.



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