

POLYMER WEEK 2026

TRAVEL GUIDE

WELCOME TO POLYMER WEEK 2026!

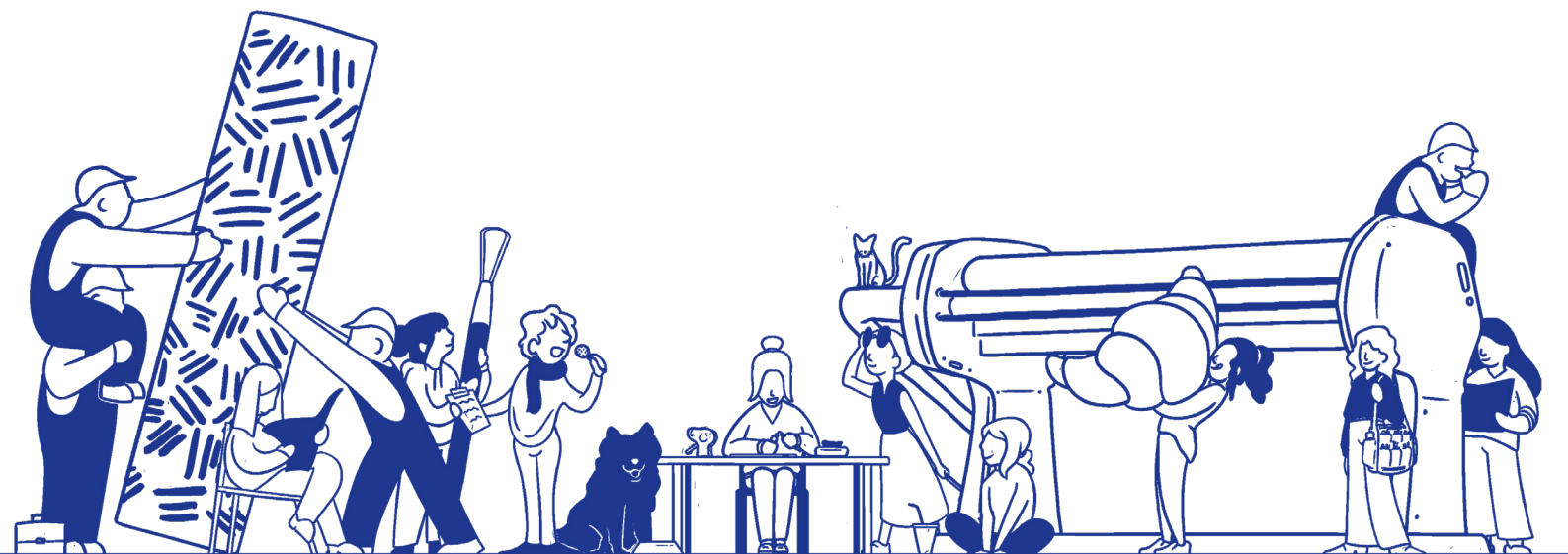
We are thrilled to have you join us for this year's celebration of polymer clay with our dearest community of talented artists and enthusiasts.

This document is your personal guide throughout the event, packed with all the essential details you'll need, from travel tips and our team's favourite spots to class information and activities.

EVENT LOCATION

TechTower, Koterovská 2827/152, 326 00 Plzeň, Czech Republic

Parking is available at the TechTower complex in a dedicated guest area. Additional parking options can be found in the surrounding streets and nearby parking areas.



PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY

17:30 – 18:45 | PILSNER URQUELL BREWERY TOUR

19:00 | GROUP DINNER AT NA SPILCE

THURSDAY

8:30 – 9:30 | PILSEN CITY CENTER TOUR

10:00 – 10:40 | REGISTRATION

11:00 – 11:30 | OPENING SESSION

11:30 – 12:20 | SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS

12:20 – 13:00 | REFRESHMENT BREAK

13:00 – 14:30 | SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS

14:30 – 16:00 | POLYMER CLAY MARKET

16:00 – 17:00 | SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS

FRIDAY

9:00 – 12:30 | MORNING CLASS SESSION

12:30 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 17:30 | AFTERNOON CLASS SESSION

19:00 | GROUP DINNER AT RESTAURANT 12

SATURDAY

9:00 – 12:30 | MORNING CLASS SESSION

12:30 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 17:30 | AFTERNOON CLASS SESSION

18:30 – 20:00 | EVENING CELEBRATION

SUNDAY

9:00 – 12:30 | MORNING CLASS SESSION

12:30 – 12:45 | GROUP PHOTO

12:45 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 17:30 | AFTERNOON CLASS SESSION



GUIDED TOURS OF BREWERY & PILSEN CITY

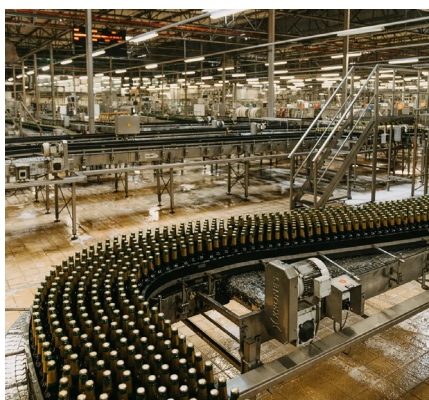
Pilsner Urquell Brewery • Group Dinner • Thursday Morning City Tour

BREWERY TOUR

Arriving a day early? Join us on Wednesday afternoon for a special guided tour of the famous Pilsner Urquell Brewery, followed by a group dinner at Hospoda Na Spilce, where you can enjoy modern Czech cuisine and unfiltered Pilsner Urquell beer directly from the source.

If you signed up for the brewery tour in the registration form, you'll receive detailed information via email and in our Facebook group before the event. The tour will start at approximately 17:30.

- **MEETING POINT:** Pilsner Urquell Brewery, U Prazdroje 64/7, Plzeň
- **DURATION:** Approximately 60–90 minutes
- **PRICE:** The brewery tour is free for Polymer Week participants, and you're welcome to bring your spouse or travel companion too.
- **GROUP DINNER:** We'll continue with dinner together after the tour. Please note that dinner is not included and everyone will pay for their own food and drinks.



PILSEN CITY TOUR

On Thursday morning, together with Lenka, one of the core members of the Polymer Week team, you'll have a chance to start the day by exploring our hometown. You'll wander through Pilsen's beautiful streets, admire its architecture, discover some of our favourite places to eat, and find hidden corners that only locals know.



- **MEETING POINT:** 8:30 in front of the main entrance to St. Bartholomew's Cathedral on Republic Square.
- **DURATION:** Approximately 1 hour. After the tour, Lenka will travel with you by tram directly to TechTower for the event registration.
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** At the beginning of the tour, you'll receive an identification bracelet that gives you free public transport throughout all four days of Polymer Week. If you don't join the city tour, you'll receive your bracelet during registration at the venue.



THURSDAY MORNING REGISTRATION

Venue Opening · Breakfast & Coffee · Official Start of the Event

On Thursday morning, the venue will officially open at 10:00. There is a hall where you're welcome to wait if you arrive a little early or the weather is rainy.



You can then check in at our registration table, where you'll receive your name tag and a few goodies before entering the main event space. Once inside, you can:

- Enjoy breakfast, refreshments, and great coffee from our bistro.
- Find your seat and get comfortable before the first presentations begin.
- Explore our pop-up store and discover the products available throughout the event.
- Meet other attendees, reconnect with friends, and enjoy the first moments of Polymer Week together.

At 11:00, we'll officially kick off Polymer Week with the first part of our presentations, followed by a lunch break and the Polymer Clay Market. In the afternoon, we'll gather again for the second part of the presentations.



POLYMER CLAY MARKET

Showcase Your Art · Sell Your Work · Meet the Community



After the first part of the presentations on Thursday, we'll continue with our Polymer Clay Market from approximately 13:00 to 15:00, giving you a chance to showcase and sell your work, discover what others have been creating, and connect with artists from around the world.

Whether you create jewelry, sculptures, decorative objects, tools, or something completely unexpected with polymer clay, you're welcome to bring your work and become part of the market. Even if you don't have much to sell, you're very welcome to reserve a table simply to exhibit your artwork and share what you create.

Please note that selling your own products outside the dedicated market isn't permitted during the event.

If you've reserved a market table on our website, here are a few things to know:

- **Setup:** You'll have early access to the market area from 10:00 on Thursday to prepare your table.
- **Table size:** Each black table measures 80 × 120 cm. You're welcome to share a table with another attendee. Just let us know when registering for the market.
- **Decoration:** Keep it simple and let your work shine. Feel free to bring a tablecloth, single-color paper, small displays, or other simple decorations.
- **Name & price tags:** We'll prepare these for you, so you can focus on bringing your creations. You can simply fill in the prices on the provided tags.
- **Payments:** You'll be responsible for accepting payments for your own sales. You can choose what works best for you, whether cash in EUR or CZK, bank transfer, or another online payment method.

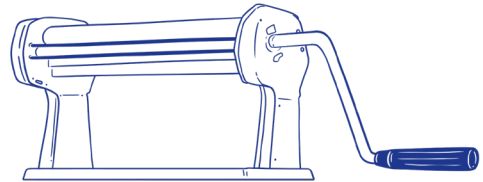
CLASSES & WORKSPACE

Workspace · Material Lists · Pasta Machines

As a participant, you'll have your own dedicated seat and workspace for all three classes throughout the event. On the first day of the event, Thursday, please avoid bringing your own clay materials or tools, as you won't need them that day. If you arrive with luggage, we can store it in our secure area.

A detailed list of materials required for your classes is available on our website. Please make sure to bring all the required items for your group's classes. We've tried our best to keep the list to a minimum, focusing mainly on basic tools and materials you may already have in your studio.

- **Pasta machines:** Please avoid bringing a pasta machine with a motor, as it would be too noisy with everyone sharing the same venue. Don't forget to bring table clamps to keep your machine stable.



- **Pasta machine rental:** If you've rented a pasta machine from us, it will be ready for you on Friday morning before the classes begin. You can pick it up from our pop-up store.
- **Leaving your supplies overnight:** Feel free to leave your tools and materials at your workspace overnight. Please keep in mind that we can't take responsibility for personal belongings, although there are security cameras throughout the venue for extra protection.



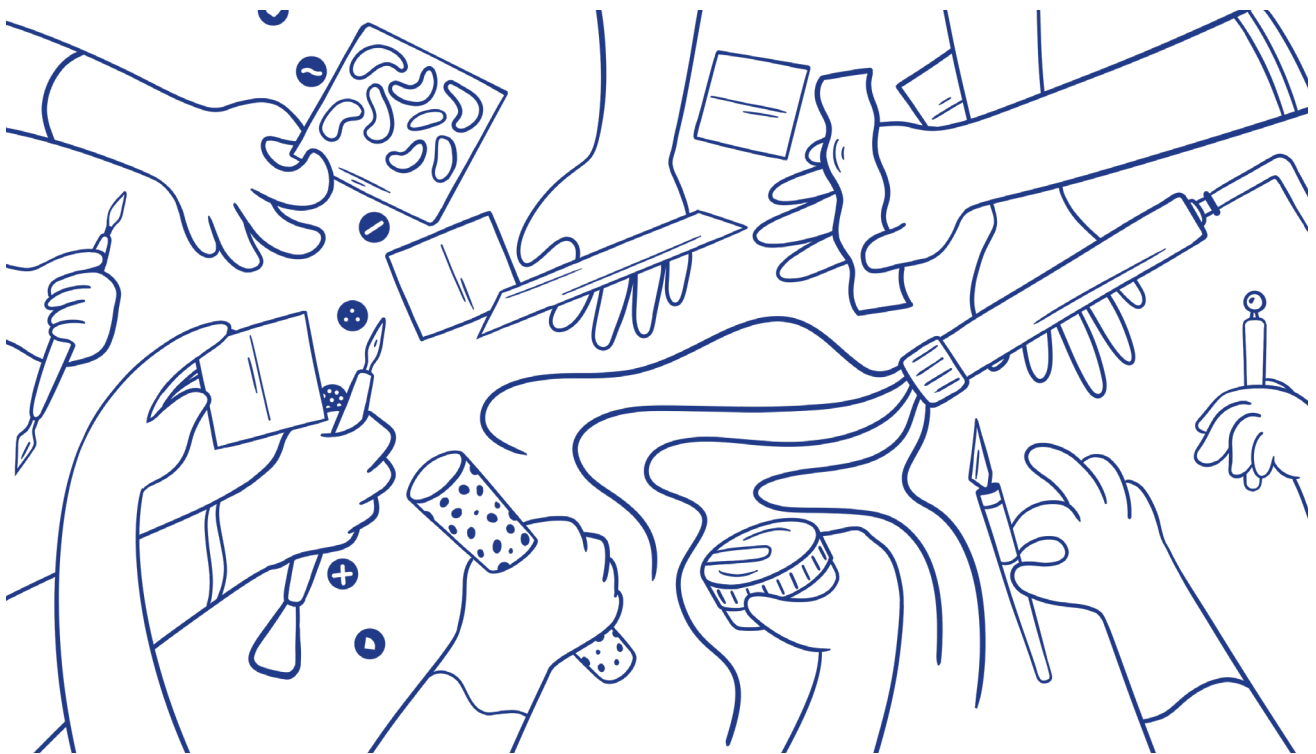
COMFORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Quiet Zone · Accessibility · Venue Temperature · What to Wear

Your health and well-being are our main priority. We want everyone to feel comfortable and included throughout the event. If you have a health condition or simply need some quiet time, there is a quiet zone located in the hall outside the main venue, where you can take a break, relax, or even have a little nap if you need one. If you have any special requirements, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team anytime. We're here to help!

First aid supplies will be available at three locations: the pop-up store, the teachers' table, and the refreshments bistro. We'll also provide quick-reference information on the nearest medical facilities in case of an emergency.

The entire venue is also wheelchair accessible, including the main event areas and bathrooms, so you should be able to move comfortably throughout the space.



Please keep in mind that the venue can sometimes feel a little chilly due to the air conditioning, especially as we'll be using ovens throughout the classes. We recommend bringing a sweater or an extra layer to keep you comfortable.

October is autumn in the Czech Republic, with temperatures usually around 7–15 °C, so make sure to bring some warmer clothes and layers, especially for the mornings and evenings.

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Bistro & Coffee · Lunches · Dietary Requirements · Saturday Party

Starting on Thursday, our team's bistro will be open throughout the whole event, offering refreshments, drinks, and great coffee prepared by our barista. Each day, we'll also have freshly baked desserts, panini, warm homemade soup, and other small bites available throughout the day.

- **Bistro payments:** For purchases at the bistro, we prefer cash in CZK or EUR.
- **Lunches:** Lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is included in your ticket. You can choose between a meat and vegetarian option each day. If the weather is nice, we'll eat outside; in colder or rainy weather, lunch will be served in the hall.
- **Dietary requirements:** Vegetarian and vegan options, as well as any food intolerances or allergies you shared with us in advance through the attendee form, will be taken into consideration. We'll do our best to make sure there's a suitable option for everyone.



- **Snacks & water:** Feel free to bring your own favourite snacks. Tap water in the Czech Republic is safe to drink, and you'll be able to refill your bottle throughout the event.
- **Saturday party:** On Saturday evening, we'll prepare a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, wine, and tapas for everyone to enjoy as we celebrate together.



FRIDAY DINNER

Spending the Evening Together · Czech Cuisine · Family & Friends Welcome

Would you like to gather together after Friday's classes and enjoy some traditional Czech cuisine? We'll head to a restaurant in the heart of Pilsen to spend the evening together, chat, relax, and have fun. Family members and travel companions are warmly welcome too!

TIME & LOCATION

19:00 | Restaurant 12
Kopeckého sady 8, 301 00 Plzeň

Please note that dinner and drinks are not included in your event ticket. As we'll be a group of over 70 people, the restaurant will be prepared for us, but please keep in mind that it may take around an hour for everyone to receive their food. In the meantime, we'll have some fun activities prepared so we can enjoy the evening together while we wait.

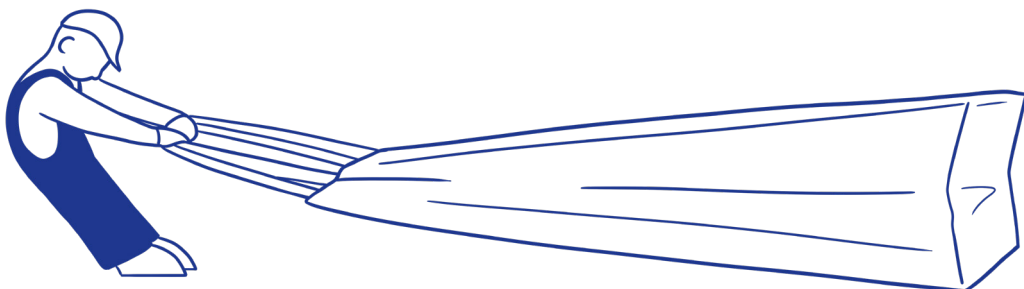


SHOPPING AT POLYMER WEEK

Our pop-up store will feature everything you can find on our website, alongside some brand-new products launching exclusively at the event. The store will open on Thursday morning and remain available throughout the event.



- **Tools & supplies:** You'll be able to purchase sharper tools and supplies that can be difficult to travel with, including scalpel blades, needle tools, and more.
- **Payments:** Purchases can be made in CZK or EUR. Cash is preferred to avoid currency conversion fees, but credit card payments will also be available.
- **Art exhibition:** As part of the store, you'll also find a small exhibition featuring polymer clay artworks created by talented artists and attendees.



RAFFLE

Incredible Prizes · Lucky Draw Tickets · Saturday Evening Draw

As always, we'll have our raffle again this year, giving all attendees a chance to win exciting polymer clay prizes generously provided by Polymer Week and our partners.

- **How it works:** Each lucky draw ticket costs €5 and can be purchased at our pop-up store. Simply pick a ticket from the box and reveal your number. Each number corresponds to a prize with the same number, so you'll immediately find out what you've won!
- **Prizes and Special Tickets:** With over 150 prizes waiting to be won, there will be plenty of surprises to discover throughout the event. A few lucky tickets will have a "?" instead of a number. If you find one, you'll be entered into our special Saturday evening draw, where we'll reveal and raffle off some incredible and even bigger prizes.
- **Where do the proceeds go?** We're keeping that a little surprise for now. We'll share where this year's raffle proceeds will go during our Saturday evening celebration.



POLYMER WEEK AWARDS

Spark of Innovation · Live Exhibition · Winning Prizes

This year's Polymer Week Awards theme is Spark of Innovation, encouraging you to step beyond the familiar and explore what else might be possible with polymer clay. Think about new techniques, unexpected material combinations, innovative ways of working, or ideas that haven't yet been explored.

If you'd like to take part, here are the most important things to know:

- **Deadline:** Submit your artwork online by September 30, 2026, using the online form at www.polymerweek.com/the-awards.
- **Your artwork:** Your piece should be original, created especially for the 2026 Awards, made primarily from polymer clay, and respond to the Spark of Innovation theme.
- **Live Experience:** Choose the Live Experience category and bring your finished artwork with you for exhibition and final judging at the event.
- **Prizes:** The 1st place Live Experience winner will receive a surprise prize valued at over €400, together with a special package of polymer clay materials. There are also prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.
- **Winner announcement:** Live Experience winners will be announced during Saturday's evening celebration.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Emergency Numbers · Hospital Contact

DIAL 112

- European emergency number, free of charge and available in English and other languages. It connects you to the police, ambulance, or fire and rescue services.

CZECH REPUBLIC EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- 112 European Emergency Number, recommended for international guests
- 155 Emergency Medical Service
- 158 Police of the Czech Republic
- 150 Fire and Rescue Service
- 156 Municipal Police

COUNTRY CODE: +420

For example: +420 773...

24/7 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT:

University Hospital Pilsen, Lochotín / Urgentní příjem FN Plzeň

Fakultní nemocnice Plzeň, Lochotín
alej Svobody 923/80, 323 00 Plzeň
Main telephone: +420 377 103 111

YOUR GUIDE TO PRAGUE & PILSEN

Airport · Getting to Pilsen · Trains & Buses · Public Transport · Getting to TechTower

Whether you're arriving at Prague's Václav Havel Airport or travelling from Prague city centre by train or bus, we've gathered some of the easiest and most budget-friendly ways to get to Pilsen.

ARRIVING AT PRAGUE AIRPORT

Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) is the main international airport for attendees travelling to Pilsen. Regular passenger flights use two main terminals:

- **Terminal 1** for flights from countries outside the Schengen Area, such as the USA, UK, and many other international destinations
- **Terminal 2** for flights from countries within the Schengen Area

Airport information:
www.prg.aero/en



HOW TO GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO PRAGUE CITY CENTRE

Once you arrive, you can continue your journey by public transport, train, bus, or taxi. If you are staying in Prague before travelling to Pilsen, you can easily reach the city centre by public transport.

The easiest public transport option is trolleybus no. 59 from the airport to **Nádraží Veleslavín**, where you can change to Metro Line A towards the city centre.

Another option is **bus no. 100** to **Zličín**, where you can change to **Metro Line B**.

More information about public transport from Prague Airport:
www.prg.aero/en/public-transport-buses

If you prefer a taxi, Uber Airport is the official taxi service at Prague Airport. You can order a ride through the Uber app, airport kiosks, or service counters.

Official airport taxi information:
www.prg.aero/en/taxi

You can also watch this useful video guide:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=57WeRN0Nrb4

HOW TO GET FROM PRAGUE TO PILSEN BY TRAIN

One of the easiest options is to travel by train. If you are coming directly from the airport, take the **Airport Express (AE) bus** to **Praha hlavní nádraží**, Prague Main Train Station. The Airport Express journey takes approximately 40 minutes, depending on traffic, and the buses have additional space for luggage.

More information about the Airport Express:

www.prg.aero/en/airport-express

From **Praha hlavní nádraží**, take a train to **Plzeň hlavní nádraží**, Pilsen Main Train Station. The train journey usually takes approximately 1 hour 20 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes, depending on the connection. You can check current connections and purchase tickets through Czech Railways. Tickets can also be purchased at the train station.

www.cd.cz/en

TRAVELLING TO PILSEN BY BUS

Another option when travelling directly from Prague Airport is to go via Zličín. From Prague Airport, take **bus no. 100** to **Zličín**. The journey takes approximately 18 minutes.

From Zličín, you can continue by long-distance bus towards Pilsen. Always check the current timetable and departure point when booking, as routes and schedules may change.

We recommend booking long-distance bus tickets in advance, especially if you are travelling close to the event dates.

For FlixBus connections and current prices:

www.flixbus.com

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN PILSEN

Pilsen's public transport system includes trams, trolleybuses, and buses.

FOR EVENT ATTENDEES

All registered attendees will receive a special wristband upon arrival, either during Wednesday's Beer Factory Tour, Thursday morning's city tour, or at event registration. This wristband will serve as your public transport ticket in Pilsen from Wednesday to Monday, so make sure to keep it with you throughout the event.

IF YOU'RE NOT USING THE WRISTBAND

You can easily purchase a public transport ticket directly inside trams, trolleybuses, and buses. Look for the ticket terminal inside the vehicle and use a contactless credit or debit card to purchase your ticket.

For current public transport information, fares, and timetables:

www.en.pmdp.cz

MONEY & PAYMENTS

The official currency of the Czech Republic is the Czech koruna (CZK). Card payments are widely accepted, but it's still useful to have some Czech cash with you, especially for smaller purchases.

HOW TO GET TO TECHTOWER

TechTower
Koterovská 2827/152
326 00 Plzeň 2-Slovany
Czech Republic

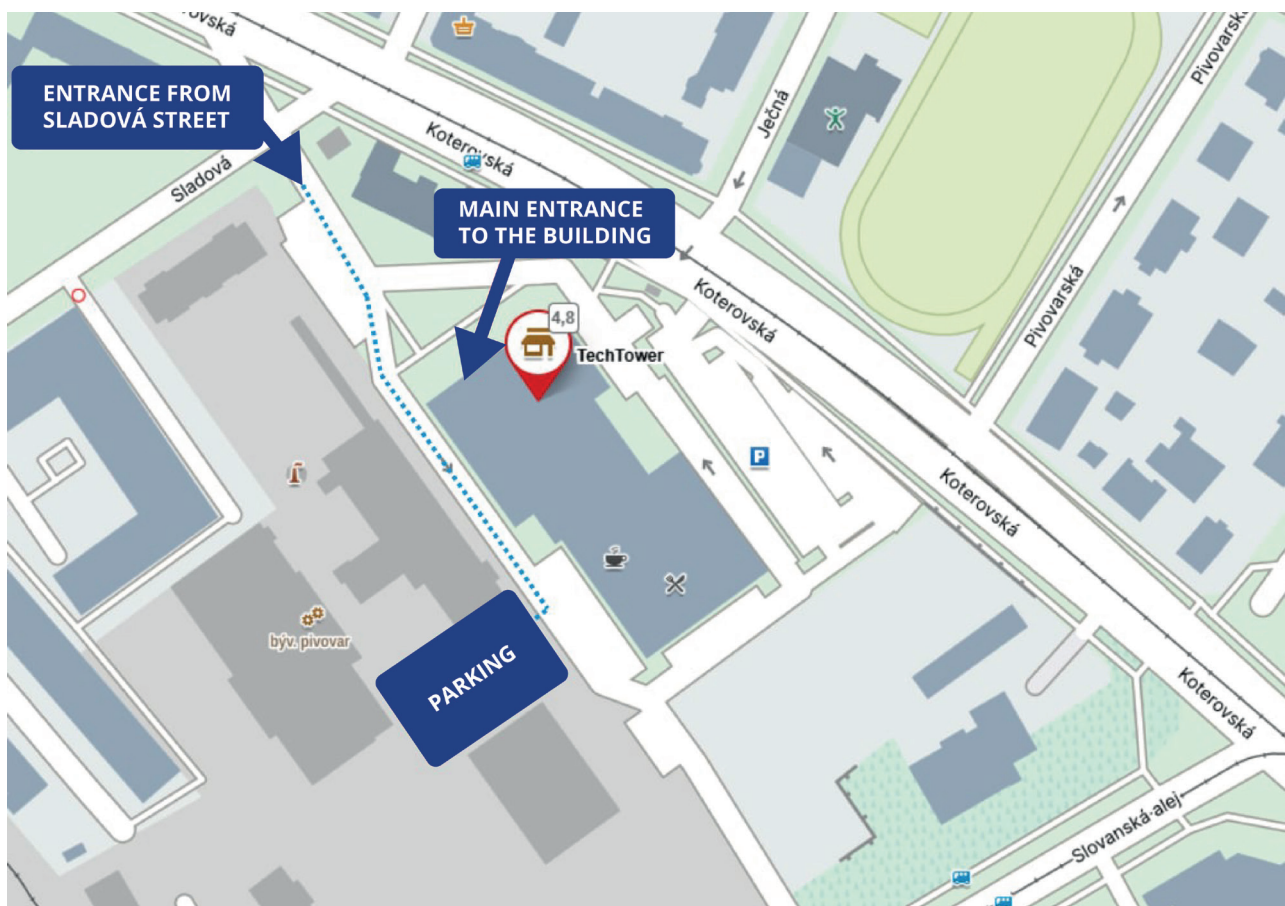
TechTower website:
www.techtower.cz/en



The nearest tram stop is **Brojova**, served by **tram no. 2**. From the tram stop, TechTower is only a few minutes away on foot.

When travelling from the city centre, take **tram no. 2** in the direction of **Světovar** and get off at **Brojova**.

You can also use a taxi or ride-hailing service to travel directly to the venue. Both Bolt and Uber operate in the Czech Republic, so it might be useful to download one of the apps in advance and have it ready when you arrive.



WHAT TO SEE IN PILSEN

Historic Centre & Main Sights · Beer Culture · Museums & Galleries

Pilsen is much more than the home of Pilsner beer. If you have some extra time before or after Polymer Week, explore its beautiful historic centre, museums, architecture, cafés, and, of course, its famous beer culture.

For more inspiration and current opening hours, visit the **official Pilsen tourism website**: www.visitplzen.eu/en

Video guide:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LsR--wzKNc

HISTORIC CENTRE & MAIN SIGHTS

- **Republic Square**

The heart of Pilsen's historic centre and a great starting point for exploring the city.

- **St. Bartholomew's Cathedral**

One of Pilsen's most recognisable landmarks, with the tallest church tower in the Czech Republic.

www.visitplzen.eu/en/visit-pilsen/pilsen-old-town/st-bartholomews-cathedral

- **Great Synagogue**

The largest synagogue in the Czech Republic and one of the largest in Europe, known for its impressive architecture.

www.visitplzen.eu/en/visit-pilsen/the-best-of-pilsen/great-synagogue

- **Pilsen Historical Underground**

Explore the network of medieval cellars, passages, and wells hidden beneath the historic centre.

www.prazdrojvisit.cz/en/tours

- **Adolf Loos Interiors**

Discover unique interiors designed by world-famous architect Adolf Loos. We recommend booking your tour in advance.

www.adolfloosplzen.cz/en

- **Pilsen Zoo and Botanical Garden**

A lovely option if you have more time or are travelling with family.

www.zooplzen.cz/en

- **Techmania Science Center**

An interactive science centre located in the former Škoda industrial complex.

www.techmania.cz

BEER CULTURE

You can't visit Pilsen without discovering a little of its beer history. The city is the birthplace of the world-famous Pilsner style of beer.

- **Pilsner Urquell Brewery**

Discover how the original Pilsner beer has been brewed since 1842. Tours are available in several languages, including English.

- **Brewery Museum**

Explore the history of brewing from the Middle Ages to the present day.

tours and tickets:

www.prazdrojvisit.cz/en/tours

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

- **Museum of West Bohemia**

One of the largest museums in the Czech Republic, with collections covering history, archaeology, applied arts, and a remarkable historic armoury.

- **Gallery of West Bohemia**

A great choice for art lovers, with an extensive collection of Czech art.

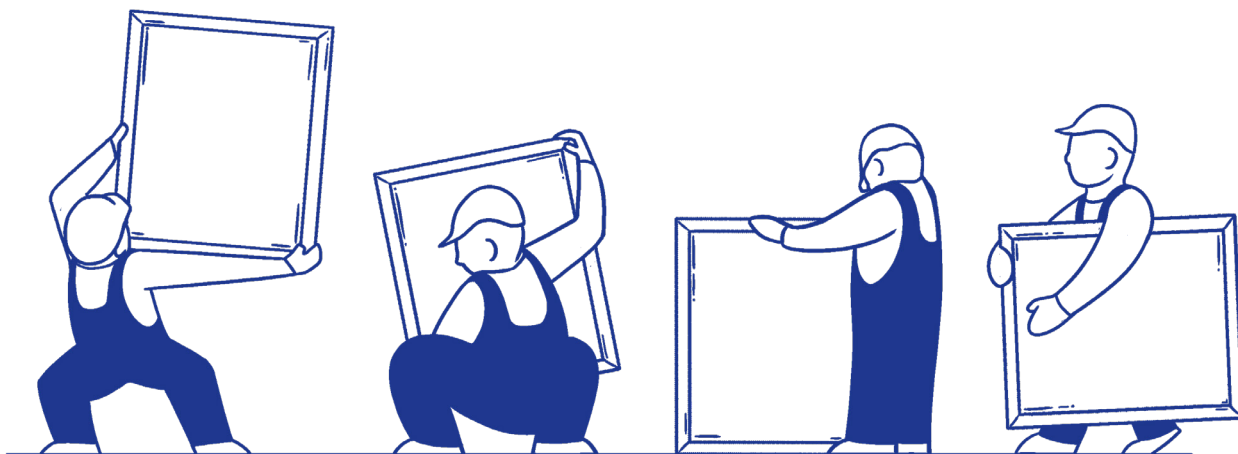
- **Puppet Museum**

Discover Pilsen's long tradition of puppetry in a museum right on Republic Square.

Explore more museums and galleries:

www.visitplzen.eu/en/visit-pilsen/museums

www.visitplzen.eu/en/visit-pilsen/galleries



WHERE TO EAT & DRINK

**Traditional Czech Food · Craft Beer · International Cuisine · Coffee & Brunch
· Delivery & Takeaway**

Pilsen has plenty to offer when it comes to food and drink, from hearty Czech classics such as goulash and svíčková to Italian, Asian, Mexican, Indian, and vegetarian-friendly options. Here are some of our team's favourites to get you started.

TRADITIONAL CZECH FOOD

- **Lokál Pod Divadlem**

A lively Czech pub with traditional food and freshly tapped Pilsner Urquell.

- **U Salzmannů**

A historic Pilsen restaurant and a great place to experience traditional Czech cuisine and beer.

- **Lékárna**

Located directly on Republic Square, with Czech food and carefully served Pilsner Urquell.

- **Švejk Restaurant U Pětatřicátníků**

Traditional Czech dishes in a classic pub atmosphere.

- **Na Spilce**

A large restaurant located directly inside the Pilsner Urquell Brewery, serving Czech cuisine and beer straight from the source.

CRAFT BEER

- **Raven Pub City**

A great place to explore beers from Pilsen's Raven craft brewery.

- **Pivstro**

Craft beer and food in the city centre.

- **Zlatá Kráva Bandaska**

A relaxed beer spot showcasing local craft beer.

MODERN & CASUAL

- **Comix Kitchen & Bar**

Burgers, steaks, cocktails, and a fun contemporary atmosphere.

- **Štipec**

A casual modern bistro with creative street food-inspired dishes.

- **Delish**

Popular for juicy burgers, including meat-free options.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

- **Da Pietro**

A popular choice for Neapolitan-style pizza and Italian food.

- **Osteria Martinská**

Italian cuisine, pizza, homemade pasta, and wine.

- **Ganesh**

Indian and Nepalese cuisine on Americká Street.

- **La Chica Casa Mexicana**

Mexican food including burritos, enchiladas, tacos, and nachos.

- **Homy Asian Fusion**

Asian fusion cuisine with sushi, Thai and Vietnamese-inspired dishes.

COFFEE & BRUNCH

Pilsen also has a lovely café scene, perfect for breakfast, brunch, or simply taking a break with good coffee.

- **Le Frenchie Café**

French-inspired café, brunch, and pastries.

- **Walter**

Coffee, brunch, and pastries.

- **fred bistro**

All-day brunch, coffee, and bakery treats, with vegetarian and gluten-free friendly options.

- **Momo Coffee**

Coffee and matcha specialities.

- **Coffee Park**

A lovely local spot for coffee and something sweet.

- **Café Regner**

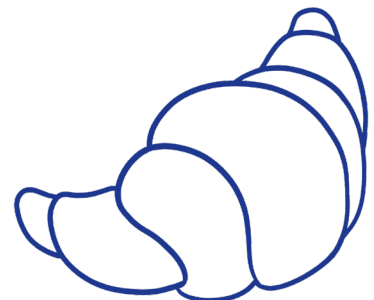
A cosy local café and another favourite for good coffee.

- **Pappa Coffee**

A popular speciality coffee spot in the city centre.

- **Schovaná kavárna**

A charming hidden café with a relaxed atmosphere.



- **Chromá Liška**

A cosy café and local favourite.

- **Kafé Smetanka**

One of our personal favourites, conveniently located close to the venue. :)

- **BRÁNA espresso bar**

Younger brother of Kafé Smetanka, serving specialty coffee for picky coffee lovers.

DELIVERY & TAKEAWAY

If you'd rather relax at your hotel after a long day, you can also order food for delivery through:

www.wolt.com

www.foodora.cz/en



We can't wait to welcome you and share these special days together. We hope Polymer Week 2026 will be a place to meet, exchange ideas, discover new perspectives on polymer clay, and create wonderful memories together.

If you have any questions or need assistance before or during the event, our team is here for you every step of the way. You can always contact us at support@polymerweek.com.

See you soon in Pilsen!

Yours,
Polymer Week Team