

So often you didn't know about ...

According to Roman reports, the **Latin name of the Czech lands Boiohaemum (Bohemia) is derived from the name of the Celtic tribe that settled on the territory of today's Czech Republic**



Formerly being a part of the Independent Republic of Czechoslovakia that was formed in 1918, **Czech Republic split itself from Czechoslovakia into a separate country in 1993.**

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the prehistoric settlement of **Dolní Věstonice in Southern Moravia is the oldest town in the world.** It dates back to 27,000 BC, the Ice Age



The word "Czech" is an adjective and therefore **should not be used as the abbreviated name of the country**

**Oskar Schindler** with whom you may be familiar from Spielberg's film Schindler's List **was born in a Moravian town called Svitavy (now in Eastern Bohemia) in 1908**



The first person to categorise **blood into four types (A, B, AB, O)** was the Czech neurologist Jan Janský in 1906

**The Prague Castle is the largest castle area in the world.** Its three courtyards and a number of magnificent buildings cover over 7 hectares (18 acres)

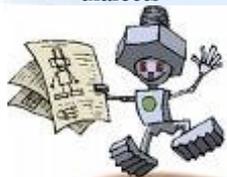


"**Czech Siberia**" is the nickname of an area of hilly countryside only a few kilometers south of the capital city of Prague. The area is as cold as it would be located 200 meters higher than it is, because of the frequency of temperature inversions in winter

The **synagogue in Plzeň (Pilsen)** is the second largest synagogue in Europe and the third largest synagogue in the world

## THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The word "**robot**" comes from the **Czech language** (*robota* = "work", "hard work" in some dialects)



The name of the **US currency, the dollar, is derived from the Czech coin known as the tolar (thaler), minted from 1519 in Jáchymov, West Bohemia**

The first woman ever to become the United States Secretary of State (in 1997), **Madeleine Albright, was born in Prague**



**The Czechs are the #1 beer drinking nation in the world,** consuming the most beer per capita in the world (160 liters or 43 gallons). They **have been drinking beer since at least 900 A.D.** There are more than 70 breweries in the Czech Republic



The **Czech names for the months are different** from the names in other Indo-European languages. From each of the names, you can decipher the weather characteristics of it. For example, in January ("leden"), there is often ice ("led"); in May ("květen") flowers are in blossom ("květ") and August ("srpen") is named after the reaping-hook ("srp") used for reaping grains

**Ivana Trump is Czech** and was born in Gottwaldov (now Zlín), Czech Republic



In 1985, the **Czech engineer Pavel Pavel solved the mystery of the moai statues on Easter Island** and explained how they were transported to their current locations



The first person who wanted to create a **union of European rulers** (similar to today's EU) was the Bohemian King George of Poděbrady (1420-1471)



The **sugar cube** was invented in the Czech town Dačice in 1843

**Sigmund Freud** was born and spent the first years of his life in what is now the Czech Republic

The **bottom-fermentation method used in beer production,** invented by the brewers of Plzeň (Pilsen) in 1842, is now applied across the world