

What are Czechs like? (Intercultural Communication)

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5 min	Introduction (Opener) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do you feel like a typical Czech? What makes a typical Czech?- Which country have you visited and did you notice any differences in character or behaviour there from Czech people?- While being in a foreign country did you do sth awkward, some faux-pas? Or did someone else do sth unusual that other people noticed?- Have you met a foreigner here in CzR who told you how you are different from him or her? The answer?
15 min	Reading - Character traits <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do you agree with some of the descriptions? Especially: Coldness versus warmness. (Discussions in groups)
15 min	A video Why Everyone Loves Czech People! - YouTube <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A foreigner in your house - how do you please him? Is it true that guests put off their shoes and are offered slippers in your house? Do you, as a host or a hostess, eat with your guests at the table?- Are Czechs cold or warm and friendly (chatty)? (see above)- Are Czechs hardworking? Are they DIY people (Using DIY items over and over again around their house)?- A family of more generations happens to live in the same house - is it true?- What do you know about Milada Horáková?

5 min	<p>Czech fashion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Showing horrible examples in pictures below - Czech fashion hell) - Do you like the way Czechs dress? Do they dress more formally or casually? Where do you buy clothes? Which Czech brands selling clothes do you know?
5 min	<p>Final questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you proud to be Czech? - Would you like to leave CzR and live somewhere else? Where on Earth would you like to live and why?

How Czechs really are?

- Czechs seem rather reserved when introduced to a new person. Usually, they do not trust people they do not know.
- Their behavior may appear formal – the reason may be the use of the second-person in Czech language, the ‘polite’ form. It is used with people whom you do not know, in a formal social interaction, or when younger generation is addressing the older one. Another reason for the distrustful behavior comes from the communist era, when many people were forced to betray even their closest family members or friends.
- Czech sense of humor or a general life attitude may be perceived as ironic or sarcastic. The same reason goes for maintaining their personal privacy and being intimate with people they know.
- Czech people are naturally very polite and do not tend to be overly direct in communication.
- They generally avoid confrontation – informal straightforwardness in dealing is common.
- After getting to know Czechs better you become to love their cheerful and helpful character and you can experience what a warm and firm friendship is about.
- They are very hospitable and enjoy to be a nation of realistic and very practical people.

[Mentality of Czech people | Foreigners.cz Blog](#)

7. Formal And Reserved

Don't take it personally if you are visiting Czechia and notice that people look grim or unapproachable. Supposedly, they are just not used to being genial all the time or smiling for no particular reason.

Stereotypically, Czechs also tend to be more reserved and carry a serious face when around strangers.

Once you get to know them, however, they will let you see their real personalities. Czechs are very friendly and accommodating to people they have close relationships with.

[What do Czech People Look Like? \(10 Features & Stereotypes\) \(2023\)](#)
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