

The most visit place in the Czech Republic is Prague Zoo

(Prague, 9 August 2011) Prague Zoo was the most frequently visited tourist spot with 1.18 million visitors in 2010, removing the Prague Castle from the first position after many years. A poll by CzechTourism Agency indicates that the overall number of visits to the twenty most popular tourist attractions was almost the same in 2010 as in 2009.

Aquapalace Praha ranked third overall in the Czech Republic and won the Entertainment category. As regards the number of visitors to castles and chateaux, the Lednice Chateau came first last year, pushing the chateau in Český Krumlov to second place. Caves in the Moravian Karst again finished first of natural attractions. As usual, the Petřín Lookout Tower was the most favorite technical monument. The National Museum was the most popular of museums and galleries.

“The number of people visiting tourist attractions was affected by general tendencies in tourism last year: people especially wanted entertainment and relaxation,” Rostislav Vondruška, the director of CzechTourism, adds.

There was an average decline of 3% in visits to castles and chateaux last year. A large majority of the sites had a slight decrease. Bouzov Castle is a notable exception, as it had a 16% increase thanks to new events for children and regular performances by knights during the main season.

Zoos are the most frequently visited category of tourist spots: they had an increase of 2% last year. As regards specific tourist spots, the Plzeň Zoo and Botanical Garden, in addition to the Prague Zoo, saw an increase in the number of visits: the 13% growth is due to many factors, with the opening of a new exhibition called the Asian Garden being the most important, according to the Plzeň Zoo.

Aquapalace Praha, the largest aquapark in Central Europe, was the most frequently visited in the “Entertainment” category in 2010, and Babylon Center ranked second.

The rankings of tourist spots in regions of the country also changed compared to last year. Changes in the lead were interesting in Prague as well as in South Moravia: the Lednice Chateau surpassed the Moravian Karst, and Miniuni Ostrava attracted more visitors than the Ostrava Zoo in the Moravia and Silesia Region.

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