

# Golden Lane

Sightseeing tour around Prague

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# Introduction

- **Golden Lane** (the official name of the Golden Lane Daliborky) is located in Prague, between Prague Castle and the old walls by the Supreme burgrave. Houses were inhabited until the World War II, only to the First Republic, a move that houses have been changed too - not to lift the picturesque character of the street. Currently, there are galleries, shops and the original exposure. The whole street enjoys great popularity of tourists, perhaps for his fairy-tale look of faded pastel tones, tiny windows and doors, low roof, and many chimneys.







# Location

- If you find a lane, you can probably Jiřská in the middle of the street turn left. Fortifications were built in the wall curves defense until after the northern ramparts of the Castle. Alley lies in the northern moat, houses the remains of buildings of Prague Castle. Homes were just as emergency shelters here in the 16th century.



# Residents

- In the 16th century there lived perhaps goldsmiths. The oldest name of the alley was Goldsmiths. In 1597 invited "the shooters at the gates of Prague Castle" **Emperor Rudolf II.** for permission to make the newly repaired wall in the wall curves and set them in a chamber that would occupy only the depth of the niches. The rescript dated **16th September 1597** authorized the establishment of Rudolph. "Red shooters" as they were nicknamed by the color of uniforms, received the gift of new homes. They were building them at its own expense, and is also sold and bought, first among themselves and later to other persons who belonged to their church. Initially, it was the various employees Castle - janitors, guards, bell ringers, etc., and later people in the Golden Lane did not live alone, and then rented houses. Currently, houses in Golden Lane used as shops.



# Rudolf II.

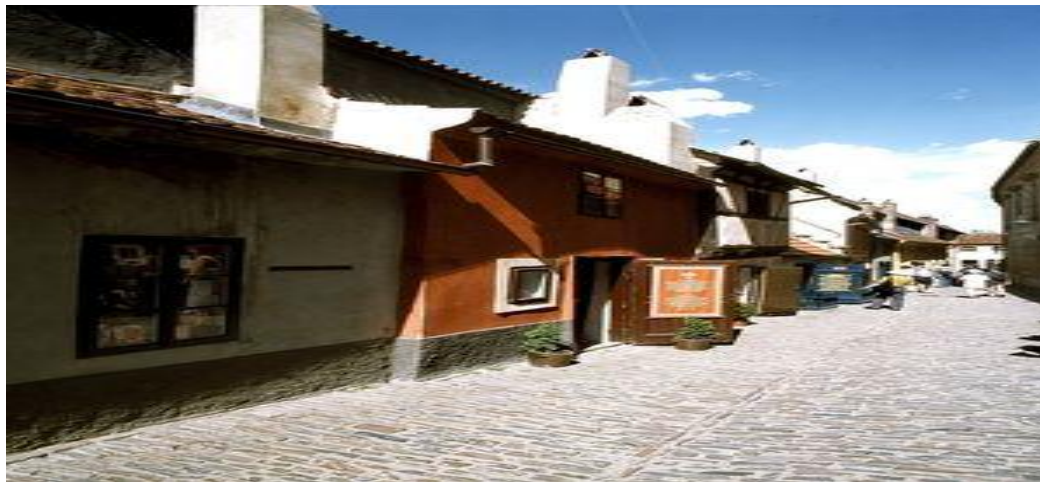




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# Desing houses

- The entire street is paved with cobblestones, the Lane is narrow and the houses reminiscent of dollhouses. Most satisfaction shows the appearance of 16 dwellings Century House No. 20 with striated floor and the best house shows the original size No 13, whose facade to the street does not enter at all, because the only house still has the original aisles complies with the provisions inserted into the arc chamber walls. Attic arches castle walls are a corridor linking the Defence White cylindrical tower with a cannon tower fortification Jagiello - **Daliborka** (house No. 12 in the staircase to the terrace in front of this tower)







# Famous People Street

- Lane has won the favour of many Czech writers, artist and poets. At No. 22 lived there from November 1916 to March 1917 the writer **Franz Kafka** (he allowed his sister Ottl), wrote most of the short story collection *The Country Doctor*. The house No. 12, met the writers and poets - **Frank Halas, Jaroslav Seifert** or **Vitezslav Nezval**.

**Franz Kafka**



**Jaroslav Seifert**







# Tower Daliborka

- **Daliborka** was built in 1496 as a prison. One story says that is named after the first prisoners to be inhabited - a young nobleman from **Dalibor Kozojedy**. For a long time to learn to play the violin beautifully. People went to the tower, then waited and listened to his play, once it has, but received no reply. Bedrich Smetana, composer in 19th century, according to this story composed his opera **Dalibor**. Another prisoner was **Daliborky Vychodocesky** Count Frantisek **Antonin Spork** - it was a known patron and art lover (he lived in the 18th century).









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