

Vyšehrad Legends

Every country has its history and its legends. One such Czech legend speaks about the name of our nation and language - Czech nation and Czech language. Czech was name of our forefather who together with his brother Lech brought his nation to our land. They came to an area near a hill called Říp - now a famous volcano. The hill is situated in a flat area offering a nice view all around. Forefather Czech climbed the hill during the following night. In the morning, he announced to his people that it is a promised country rich in milk and honey. People settled around and lived under his government for 30 years.

People asked his brother to become a new duke after Forefather Czech had died. Lech advised them to ask Krok, an honored and wise man. Krok accepted and was a respected man and governor for many years. He had only three daughters who could continue after his death. The nation chose the youngest one – Libuše to become its duchess. She moved to Vyšehrad, a fortified settlement founded by Krok in the place of the present Vyšehrad. The duchess was admired and praised by Czech people. However, there was one exception: she was not only a duchess, but she was also a judge. One of two arguing brothers accused her and did not accept her decision, declaring: “long hair, small intellect”. When she decided to marry, she asked the most important men of her people to find a new duke and her husband. The men let her to decide. She had already chosen Přemysl the Ploughman and told them where to find him.

The men brought Přemysl to Vyšehrad to marry Libuše. Přemysl gave his name, not only to his new wife, but, to a whole dynasty which governed the Czech lands, in the first phase a duchy and after 1212, a kingdom.

Libuše was a kind and wise woman and she was even able to prophesize. Her prophecy concerned a new city - Prague, whose glory would touch the stars, a city, which would suffer from many wars, however, she would overcome all of them. Libuše explained where to found Prague and its castle – Prague Castle.

It is another legend.

If you will find time to go Vyšehrad, just several hundred meters from our Congress Centre, you will see not only this mysterious place important for this country, but also the statues of Přemysl and Libuše and a view in which Libuše saw Prague and you will see it with your own eyes at 42 meters high above the Vltava River around 3 km south-east of Prague Castle.



Říp (http://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soubor:Ctin%C3%A9ves,_%C4%8C%C4%8Dp_a_obec.jpg)



Statute of Přemysl and Libuše, Vyšehrad
([http://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soubor:Praha,_Vyšehrad,_Přemysl_a_Libuše_\(2012\).JPG](http://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soubor:Praha,_Vyšehrad,_Přemysl_a_Libuše_(2012).JPG))



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View from Vyšehrad – Prague Castle on the horizon