**Prague Pride 2019 wants to appeal to audiences across generations**

**For the first time ever, Saturday program at Letná offers a large Community Zone**

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With the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, Prague Pride 2019 focuses on the historical origins of LGBT+ activism as well as on the current conditions under which various generations of queer people live. The ninth year of the festival kicks off on Monday, August 5th, and will go on for a week until Sunday, August 11th. This year's program offers an all-time high of 140 events and several exciting news.

„I’m very happy that we succeeded in putting together a program that includes all generations. It is important that older LGBT+ people find a place where they can feel safe and can enjoy simply being together,“ says the director of the Prague Pride festival Hana Kulhánková.

**News in the program**

The historical legacy of Stonewall led us to the idea of creating a special program for older LGBT+ people. These generations are often accustomed to a secluded life, even nowadays, when the society is the most accepting. That is the reason behind coming up with a **new festival venue, Pride Life - ŽIVOT 90** that has been created in cooperation with the ŽIVOT 90 organization. This venue will include discussions, screenings, theater productions, intergenerational brunches and even an afternoon retro party. Prague Pride has also invited guests all the way from Germany that will [**introduce the Czech audience**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/thursday-8-8-2019/584-lgbt-senior-state-policy-in-czechia) to how Berlin supports older LGBT+ people with respect for their uniqueness; followed by a panel discussion on senior policy in the Czech Republic with representatives of local ministries.

Another novelty of the program is the **emphasis on the art of drag.** In terms of local history, we approached the [**legendary group Screamers**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/thursday-8-8-2019/612-screamers-2), trailblazers of Czech travesti scene. Alongside them, the current travesty group **Crazy Goddess** will perform on stage in Pride Village as well. The new generation of Czech drag queens will not only perform on Saturday in the Pride Park, but will also be a part of [**Drag Queen Story Hour**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/friday-9-8-2019/658-drag-queen-story-hour-2) in the Pride Village on Friday, where they will read fairy tales to children. This format is very popular with children and parents in Western countries and for the first time ever, Prague Pride will introduce it to the Czech audience. The festival will also feature drag kings, proudly represented by London-based[**Pecs Drag Kings**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/friday-9-8-2019/684-bobr-2), guests of the Beaver Party at Underdog’s club on Friday.

Prague Pride 2019 is also expanding its audience to include groups of queer communities that have so far been left out in the program during past editions. Photographer **Parker Hirschmueller** based in Berlin will present an **exhibition of photos** of non-binary people called [**the Non-binary Project**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/tuesday-6-8-2019/490-german-inspiration-exhibition-opening-parker-hirschmueller), pansexuals will host a [**Pansex picnic**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/friday-9-8-2019/644-pansex-picnic) in Pride Village, a discussion entitled [**B in LGBTQ+**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/tuesday-6-8-2019/498-b-in-lgbtq) will take place in the Pride House as well as screening of [**Normal Girl**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/wednesday-7-8-2019/558-a-normal-girl-en), film about a non-binary intersex person **Pidgeon Pagonis.** An asexual model and blogger **Yasmin Benoit** from the UK will speak at the inspirational talk show [**Pride Voices**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/thursday-8-8-2019/618-pride-voices-50-years-from-stonewall) and will also lead a discussion on[**Asexuality, Modelling and Activism**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/friday-9-8-2019/670-yasmin-benoit-asexuality-modelling-activism)at the Pride House**.**

**2019 Prague Pride´s foreign female guests**

Among other female personalities featured on the program, an **Italian politician, actress** and most notably the first trans person in Europe elected to the national parliament in 2006, **Vladimir Luxuria** will appear on the [**Pride Voices**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/thursday-8-8-2019/618-pride-voices-50-years-from-stonewall)and[**celebrity talk at Patra Café**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/wednesday-7-8-2019/538-trans-women-in-politics-and-media-meet-italian-activist-and-actress-vladimir-luxuria)**.** Actress **Daniela Sea,** known for her role of trans man Max from cult series The L World, will perform at the [**opening concert of the festival**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/monday-5-8-2019/817-pride-opening-concert) and will also take part in [**celebrity talk at Patra Café**](https://praguepride.com/en/festival/programme/tuesday-6-8-2019/500-celebrity-talk-with-daniela-sea)**.** Prague-based American football player **Christina Burkenroad,** a member of Sparta Prague team, will attend a [**sports afternoon**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/wednesday-7-8-2019/522-sports-afternoon)at the Pride Village and will also be the whistle of a [**rainbow futsal tournament**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/wednesday-7-8-2019/552-rainbow-footsall-tournament)**.** Later she will also talk about the difference between male and female football and discrimination in sports during the [**celebrity talk in Patra Café**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/wednesday-7-8-2019/528-celebrity-talk-with-christina-burkenroad-2). Vietnamese trans woman **Le Anh Phong** will introduce Czech viewers to the [**documentary film Finding Phong**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/tuesday-6-8-2019/512-finding-phong-story-of-a-trans-woman) while uncovering the overall situation of LGBT+ people in Vietnam. **Mother Lilly**, a PFLAG active volunteer supporting LGBT + families and her gay son, will both take part in the program to talk about the [**life of queer people in China**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/friday-9-8-2019/680-life-of-gays-and-their-families-in-china)**.**

**Pride Park on Saturday**

While planning the Saturday program in [**Pride Park Letná**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/saturday-10-8-2019/819-letna-pride-park)**,** we wanted to mainly focus on the questionnaires that the participants completed after the last year's festival. Their outcome was, that at Letná, people are looking not only for entertainment, but also for the opportunity to get to know each other and talk about various topics. Therefore, this year we introduce, for the first time ever, a **Community Zone in Pride Park.** This zone will be divided into 8 sectors, which will hold discussions, talks, lectures, poetry listening or yoga practice and queer meditation.

This year´s Pride Park offers a truly queer program. The **Vodafone Main Stage** will host a wide range of Czech and foreign drag queens, accompanied by musicians who are performing at prides around the world. **Hot Chocolate Stage** will present live Gypsy music, **Full Moon Stage** will be a place where you can find DJs and **Stalin Stage,** located in the Stalin Cultural Center under the Metronome, will also host DJs and after dark, there will be a screening of the film *Story of the Green Planet* that was featured at the queer film festival Mezipatra.

The [**Pride Ball**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/saturday-10-8-2019/703-pride-ball-2) tent will present both Czech and foreign stars of the vogue style, which Prague Pride already introduced to the Czech audience last year. This year's theme is the style of the 60s.

**Prague Pride parade**

[**The Pride Parade**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/festival/programme/saturday-10-8-2019/699-pride-parade-2) traditionally takes place on Saturday, August 10 and returns to its original route, which leads from Wenceslas Square through Na Příkopě Street, Náměstí Republiky, Revoluční Street, Řásnovka, Dvořák Embankment and Čechův Bridge to the stairs to Letná. The streets will be decorated with rainbow flags as well as flags of individual sexual orientations and identities.

The parade will be led by honorary ships of the [**Prague Pride Marshals**](https://www.praguepride.cz/en/news/821-v-pruvodu-opet-pojedou-marsalove-prague-pride-koho-jsme-letos-vyznamenali-titulem-2) again this year as an acknowledgement of their work in favor of the LGBT+ community. **Jiří Hromada**, Czech gay activist, long-time president of SOHO and Gay Initiative wins the title of Marshal for Lifetime Contribution to LGBT community, politician **Karla Šlechtová** becomes a Marshal publicly out LGBT+ political figure, and Roma activist **David Tišer** is awarded for his work for the LGBT + community and its connection with the Roma minority.

**Support of the festival**

Throughout the whole Prague Pride week, the rainbow flag will be hung from the Prague City Hall. For the first time in history, the rainbow flag will be officially put up there during an official ceremonial by the Mayor of Prague. The Mayor Zdeněk Hřib also instructed the Petřín lookout tower to be lit in rainbow colors for the whole week of the festival.

Prague Pride is held under the auspices of the Mayor of the City of Prague Zdeněk Hřib, Deputy Mayor of Prague 1 City District Pavel Nazarský, Deputy Mayor for Culture, Sport and Neighborhood Relations of Prague 7 Hana Třeštíková and Prague 1 City Councilor Petr Kučera.

**Festival info**

The program can be found at [www.praguepride.com/programme](http://www.praguepride.com/programme), the Prague Pride Mag festival issue has been published with texts both in Czech and English.

Campaign visuals can be downloaded [HERE](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bu14uvpfsdzb003/AACnsba2ZSNKkeYwFwsEzugOa?dl=0).

Illustrative photos of Prague Pride festival can be downloaded [HERE](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/13r52ozmfsn6kuk/AADJKQh24zSdgXobfMZkvvLya?dl=0). As a source, please include the **name of the photographer** (listed in the photo name) **/ Prague Pride.**

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