

# FIFA in Prague: The best Prague venues to watch the World Cup from dusk til dawn

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The World Cup kicks off tomorrow across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and for the first time in 20 years, Czech fans have their own team to follow through the tournament, which runs from June 11 to July 19.

For viewers from Czechia, the catch is that most of it happens in the middle of the night. The dominant window for matches falls between midnight and 6 a.m.

We checked in with bars and restaurants across Prague to find out who's showing what, when, and how early you'll need to stay up or set your alarm.

## Best spots for Czech team games

The Czech national team draws two early-morning group-stage fixtures and one evening match, a schedule that's forcing bars, pubs, and restaurants to bring on overnight staff, shift to time-zone-friendly hours, and even run beer-breakfast buffets.

"It will be a more demanding operationally, but we believe it will be an interesting opportunity for football fans, it's definitely worth it to try and cheer together with our guests," Miroslav Brila, the manager of Prague's Meat Beer restaurant, [told iDnes](#).

Meat Beer is just one of many operators throughout the country treating the disruption as a marketing opportunity, with football-themed menus drawing on the three host countries' cuisines.

Brno's Hladinka a Šnyt on Kounicova Street will open at 3:30 a.m. for the Czech Republic's first-round match against South Korea, serving a breakfast buffet for early risers.

## ***WHERE TO WATCH CZECHIA***

### **Where to watch other countries**

The late kick-offs don't only affect Czech fans. Prague has supporters from across the bracket, England, Croatia, Brazil, Argentina, France, Portugal, and plenty more, and several pubs and sports bars are preparing for around-the-clock coverage to accommodate all of them.

For fans whose team plays in the more civilized evening window between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m., the options are straightforward. Tomorrow's opener, Mexico vs. South Africa, for instance, takes place at 9 p.m. Czech time.

But the venues we spoke to are also making provisions for the nights that run considerably later.

Rocky O'Reilly's, which has 18 screens and a large projector, is aiming to show every match, though they'll stay open late, selectively prioritizing high-interest fixtures featuring sides like Germany, Spain, and England over smaller group-stage games.

## ***SHOWING EVERY MATCH***

In Old Town, McCarthy's is going further, committing to every game regardless of kick-off time, making it one of the more reliable options for fans whose team plays in the dead of night.

For groups, [The Down Under Pub](#) is worth the extra step: they're committed to full tournament coverage, including overnight matches, but require advance reservations. Bookings through their website can accommodate up to ten guests for up to four hours; worth sorting early if you want a guaranteed screen for a specific game.

[Pilsner Experience](#) is also showing games and, of course, offering their world-famous pilsners to fans in their beer pub. They told us they are happy to open for every match, but fans must

book in advance so they can accommodate.

[Hard Rock Cafe](#) Prague will screen key FIFA World Cup matches on big screens throughout the tournament. Fans can also enjoy a special Messi-inspired menu featuring themed food and drinks created in collaboration with Lionel Messi.

The city's Irish pub circuit is well covered, too. The Dubliner is showing nearly everything except the latest overnight kick-offs, with one notable exception: they're extending hours for Scotland's June 13 fixture.

Gabby's Irish Pub takes a similar approach, most matches on, with only the very latest start times as the cut-off and Sally O'Briens isn't taking reservations "unless you're the Celtic Supporters Club."

## **Interactive Map**

Watch Party Radar has an [interactive map](#) that makes finding your perfect place for games very easy. The map lets you see bars across Prague showcasing games. You can filter by which game you are looking to watch, can look at the full schedule for games, and even search for places with outdoor seating available.

## ***Country-specific matches***

## **Watch parties**

While there is no official fan zone this year due to the late hours of the matches, there are still options for large-scale viewing parties.

Favela Music Club is running watch parties from June 11 to June 25, with a focus on the tournament's Latin American contingent: Brazil, Portugal, and defending champions Argentina. The party pairs the matches with Afro and Latin music and the full menu of its sister venue, Delicia Brazil Restaurant.

If you'd rather stay in, you have options. In Czechia, broadcasting rights are split between ČT and TV Nova, with ČT covering more than 50 matches free-to-air on ČT sport, streamable via [iVysílání](#). The coverage is in Czech, but it's free and reliable for every Czech national team match.

For English commentary, the best free options are the UK's BBC iPlayer and ITVX, and Australia's SBS On Demand, which all carry every match, according to [Goal.com](#). Since these

streams are region-locked, you'll need a VPN to access them from Czechia. FIFA+, now hosted on DAZN, also carries [free highlights](#) and condensed match replays after each game ends.

For fans ordering in, Bolt and Foodora are boosting capacity for late-night and early-morning orders during the tournament; Wolt operates around the clock.

## ***OPEN-AIR VIEWING***

For large-scale outdoor viewing of Czech games, **Riegrovy Sady** outdoor beer garden will be displaying Czechia's game vs South Africa at 6 p.m. on June 18. Find out more [here](#).

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