General information

Address of IT4Innovations National Supercomputing Center

Part of VSB – Technical University of Ostrava Campus Studentská 6231/1B 708 00 Ostrava-Poruba Czech Republic

Accommodation

Recommended accommodation options (close to IT4Innovations):

- <u>Garni</u> *** The hotel is on the campus VŠB and is part of the student dormitories (7 min walking distance to IT4Innovations). The hotel offers standard accommodation and is located in the Ostrava-Poruba district with connections to the city center (10 km), with a quick tram connection to all railway and bus stops, and also to Ostrava-Mošnov Airport (20 km).
- <u>Hotel Sareza</u> *** The hotel is close to the university (35 min walking distance to IT4Innovations or public transport available).

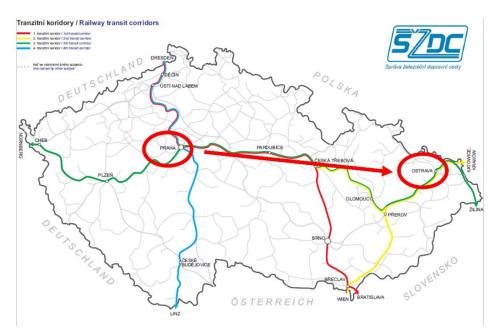
How to get to Ostrava

1. option - flights to Prague and trains to Ostrava

Prague has one international airport, the <u>Václav Havel Airport Prague</u>, which offers connections to a large number of destinations in Europe.

Trains from Prague to Ostrava (and back)

If you want to take the train from Prague to Ostrava, you have to get first from the Václav Havel Airport Prague to **Prague main train station (Praha hlavní nádraží – Praha hl.n.)**, which can be reached by taxi or by <u>Airport</u> <u>Bus Express</u>. The bus ride takes about 30 minutes and the ticket can be purchased from the bus driver. It is not possible to pay in euros, neither use payment cards.

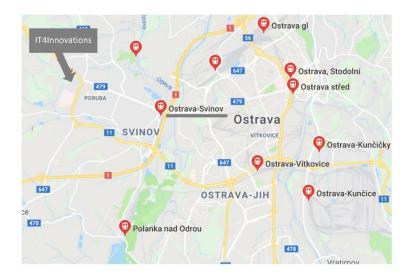


There are 3 railway companies operating fast trains between Prague and Ostrava. The trip takes about 3 and a half hours (distance of 351 km) and the tickets can be purchased at the railway station before the trip. One-way ticket prices range between 350–600 Czech crowns (CZK). 1 EUR ~ 26,5 CZK. But it is safer to book them in advance through an online system.

Available railway companies:

- České dráhy (ČD, Czech Railways) and their train SC Pendolino or other EC and IC trains <u>http://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm</u>
- Regio Jet is a private railway company. <u>https://www.regiojet.com/en</u>
- Leo Express is a private railway company. <u>https://www.leoexpress.com/en</u>

Ostrava has two main train stations: **Ostrava-Svinov** and **Ostrava-hlavní nadraží (hl. n. = main station).** The Ostrava-Svinov station is closer to the campus of the University, where IT4Innovations is situated. The Ostrava hl. n. station is closer to the centre. Some of the trains also stop at the train station Ostrava – Stodolní, which is located in the city center.



2. option - flights to Ostrava

There are some flights to Ostrava available (<u>Leos Janacek Ostrava Airport</u>). <u>Transport from the Ostrava airport</u> to the center of Ostrava: take a bus to Ostrava bus station - ÚAN or a train to **Ostrava – Svinov train station** (which is the **closest** to IT4Innovations), or Ostrava – hl. n. (main station).

3. option - flights to nearby Katowice or Krakow in Poland

Katowice and Krakow (in Poland) offer a wide range of flights from European destinations. There are bus connections from these two polish airports to Ostrava. The details can be found at <u>https://www.leoexpress.com/en</u> or <u>https://www.flixbus.com/</u>

If you will be staying in a hotel near IT4Innovations, get a ticket preferably to Ostrava-Svinov, which is the closest train station/bus stop.

4. option - flights to Vienna and trains to Ostrava

Vienna has an international airport, which offers connections to a large number of destinations in the world. There is a <u>direct train</u> from Vienna airport to Vienna Main Station. Trains from Vienna to Ostrava The trip to <u>Ostrava by train</u> takes about 3 hours.

Buses from Vienna to Ostrava

It is also possible to use the Leo Express bus (bus ride takes about 4 hours).

Transport through the city of Ostrava

There are many types of <u>public transport</u>: buses, trams and trolleybuses. Short-term tickets and also 24-hour tickets are available. There are a few ticket vending machines at certain stops available and in public transport vehicles in Ostrava you can pay with VISA cards and MasterCards. <u>See the guide</u> to municipal public transport in Ostrava.

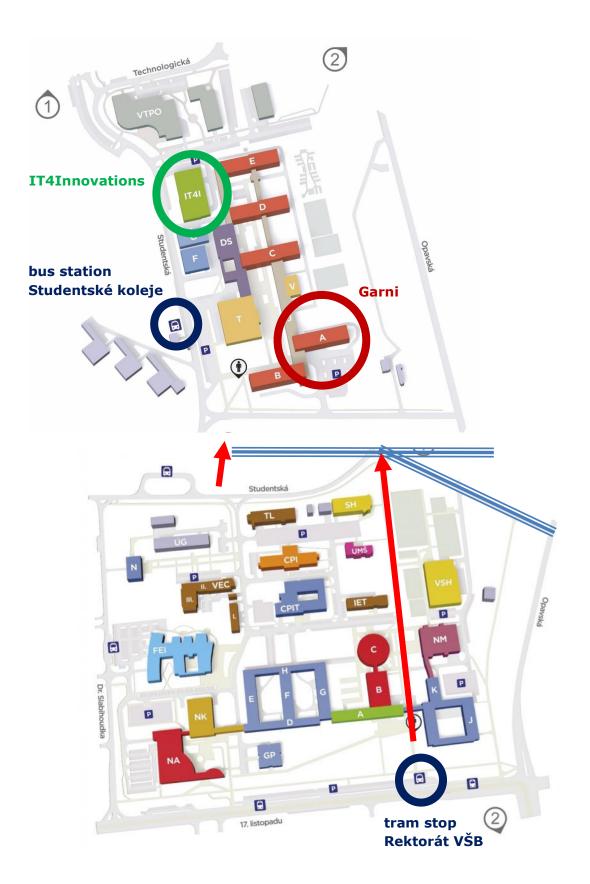
The nearest bus stop is called Studenstké koleje for buses (from the train station Svinov take the bus No. 37) or Rektorát VŠB for trams (from the train station Svinov take the tram No. 7, 8, 9, 17).

In Ostrava there are also, of course, taxi companies. Taxis are usually available at all times and are the easiest way around. TAXI companies: <u>https://www.luxtaxi.cz/english/</u>, <u>https://www.taxipreprava.cz/</u>, and <u>http://www.cbtaxi-ostrava.cz/</u>.

Arriving to your hotel and to IT4I

• Arriving to <u>Hotel Garni</u> from the railway station **Ostrava-Svinov** / Ostrava-Svinov h. z. (h. z. = upper stop) and to IT4Innovations

Ostrava-Svinov station is about 5 km away from Hotel Garni and IT4Innovations. Take tram no. 8 from the Ostrava-Svinov h. z. tram stop and get off at Rektorát VŠB stop (it takes about 10 minutes), or bus no. 37 from Ostrava-Svinov h. z. and get off at Studentské koleje bus stop (the ride takes about 19 minutes). IT4Innovations is 7 min away from Hotel Garni.



Arriving to hotel Garni from the bus station UAN
 The central bus station is called UAN. Take tram no. 8 from Náměstí Republiky - in the direction of
 Vřesinská. Depart at Rektorát VŠB (the ride takes about 23 minutes) or take a bus no. 37 and get off at
 the stop Studentské koleje (the ride is 37 min long).

• Arriving to hotel Sareza

This hotel is 35 min away from IT4Innovations (walking distance), located near the tram stop Poruba vozovna.

- a) arriving to the hotel from the railway station **Ostrava-Svinov**: take tram from the upper tram stop (Ostrava-Svinov h. z.) no. 3, or 7, 8, 17, and get off at the stop Poruba vozovna
- b) arriving to the hotel from the **bus station UAN**: walk to the tram stop Náměstí republiky and take the tram no. 8 to Poruba vozovna (the ride takes about 20 minutes)

From the hotel Sareza to IT4Innovations: You can either walk (35-minute long walk), take the tram from Poruba vozovna to Rektorát VŠB, or take the bus no. 46 from Poruba vozovna to Pustkovecká (just 1 bus stop). See the picture below:

