

Apprentice Exchange 2025 in the Czech Republic

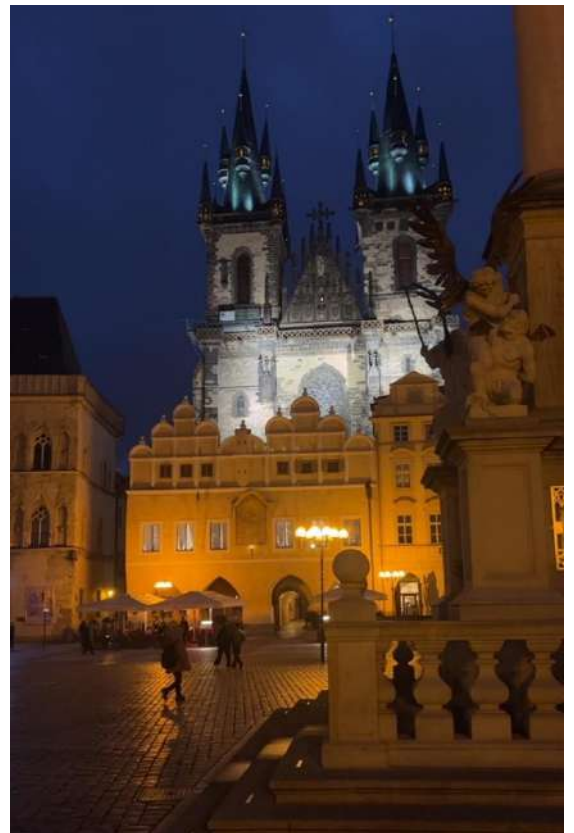
Elias and Simon from Rheinböllen gather five days of hands-on and cultural impressions at HAHN Automation Group Czech Republic

Day 1 (March 31, 2025): Arrival

Our apprentice exchange started very early on a Monday morning. We left for Prague at 3:30 a.m., but several traffic jams slowed us down and made the trip longer than planned. Still, we were excited for the days and activities ahead.

After arriving in Prague, we met with Kai Mühleis, the head of operations at HAHN Automation Group CZ, to review the plan for our exchange week. This gave us an initial overview of what to expect over the next few days.

Later that afternoon, we headed downtown. There, we explored the historic Old Town and took in the city's impressive architecture and unique atmosphere. After walking around, we went back to the hotel to relax and prepare for the next day.



Day 2 (April 1, 2025): City tour with Kai

On the second day, we had a calm start to the day with breakfast at the hotel before going to work. There, we gained insight into the processes at another HAHN Automation Group site and collected new experiences.

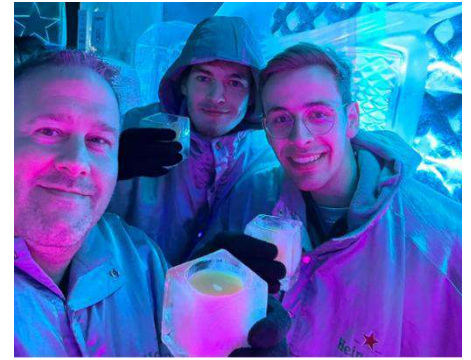
In the afternoon, we went on a guided walking tour of the city. Kai showed us around the Old Town and shared interesting background information about Prague's history and culture. A particular highlight was Prague Castle and the cathedral next to it. From the hill, we enjoyed a fantastic view of the city in the good weather. Prague truly impressed us with its architecture and atmosphere.



On our way to an Italian restaurant for dinner, we stopped at the famous Ice Pub Prague, where everything—even the glasses—is made of ice. After that, we visited the KUKA robot bar right next door. It was a cool mix of technology and entertainment.



We finished the evening with excellent pizza from the European vice-champion pizza maker—a real insider tip in Prague—and a few cold drinks. Then, we went to several clubs and ended the day around 2:00 a.m.



It was an eventful day that combined work, culture, and leisure perfectly.

Day 3 (April 2, 2025): Taking it easy and keeping going

On the third day of our apprentice exchange, we spent the morning working at the company again. We supported the local team and learned more about the processes and working methods at the Czech site. After work, we took some time to buy souvenirs and keepsakes from our stay in Prague.

In the evening, we went to Duplex, one of Prague's most famous clubs. We had a great time there with good music, a fun atmosphere, and an impressive view of the city. The Duplex was definitely worth a visit and the perfect way to end the day.



Day 4 (April 3, 2025): Local restaurants and a shooting range

The fourth day began with another workday at the company. By then, we had grown accustomed to everyday working life in the Czech Republic and knew what was expected of us.



After work, we went out to eat in Úvaly with Pavel, the assembly manager, and a few other colleagues. The atmosphere was relaxed, the food was great, and we had some really interesting conversations. Thanks to good teamwork, we managed to understand the menu in the local language reasonably well.

Instead of going into the city, we went to the Prague Armory Shooting Range. After a short safety briefing, we got started right away. There was a wide selection of firearms to choose from. We picked a package with four different guns, each with ten rounds.



In the end, we were allowed to take our shot-up targets home as trophies for anyone who doubted our “shooting skills.”

Day 5 (April 4, 2025): Trip home

After an exciting and eventful week in Prague, it was time to head home. The drive home went smoothly, and we arrived safely. It was a successful week full of new experiences!