

Summary of the 16th Annual John Marshall Law School Study Trip to the Czech Republic October 15 - 26, 2008

The tour began in magical, historic Prague where we spent two nights. On Friday, we presented our regular program on American Law for the Czech Bar Association. We also took time to see the sites and monuments in Prague.

On Saturday morning October 18, we departed Prague for a guided excursion to charming Cesky Krumlov located in South Bohemia. This town, first mentioned in historical annals in 1274, originated by the unification of the houses below Krumlov Castle and Nove'Mesto (new town) in a meander of the river Vitava. The town's historic cores has been added to the U-NESCO List of World Cultural Heritage thanks to its outstanding urban and architectural jewels created without a break since the 13th century. The town owes its characteristic silhouette to its Gothic cum Renaissance. Modified in the Baroque style, it boasts splendid historic interiors dating from the 16th to the 18th century, a grand Masquerade Hall and a unique Baroque theatre. The chateau is surrounded by a large garden and park.

On Sunday evening we arrived at the Hotel Continental in Brno. Brno is the largest city in Moravia and the judicial capital of the Czech Republic. After exploring Brno, we visited the Masaryk University Faculty of Law, the courts and governmental offices. Our attorney participants again presented a program for the Masaryk law students on American law. On Wednesday, enjoyed a side trip to South Moravia.

On Thursday evening, we hosted a reception for our Czech friends at the Continental Hotel. On Friday morning, we returned to Prague for more sightseeing and departed for the United States on Sunday, October 26.