Prague

- Watch the video and complete the passage. Use these words:
  jewels – capital – banks – designed– cobblestone – gothic - alchemists - clockwork – gather – gateways – sidewalk - baroque – timeless – lanterns – dwellings

The Central European city of Prague is the _____ of the Czech Republic.

Prague began as a tiny settlement on the _____ of the River Vltava over 1000 years ago, and today is one of the world's great architectural _____.

Like a city from a children's story book, Prague conjures up images of romantic fairy tales, and when the clouds roll in, dark _____ folk stories.

Yet, it can be refreshingly modern too.

Prague's _____ streets rarely follow a straight line, the city is a labyrinth where even locals get happily lost.

This was a place _____ for horse and cart, and walking, so pack some comfortable shoes.

An easy way to discover Prague is to follow the Royal Route.

This historic coronation path begins at the Powder Tower, one of the original _____ to Prague's Old Town.

A few blocks away is Old Town Square, a plaza surrounded by former palaces.

Enjoy some traditional street-food like **trdelnik**, then _____ with travelers from all over the world under the Astronomical Clock.

On the hour, every hour, the _____ apostles emerge, just as they have faithfully for centuries.

Across the Square is Tyn Church, whose turrets and spires are said to be the inspiration for some of Walt Disney's famous castles.

Leave the Royal Route for a while and explore the Old Town.

Wander in any direction to discover cozy _____ galleries showcasing Prague's modern artists, and historic treasures like the ancient Jewish Quarter.

Back on the Royal Route, wander through the archway of Bridge Tower and emerge onto one of Europe's great bridges. Rest a while, under the gaze of saints as the _____ waters of Vltava course through the 16 arches.

The Charles Bridge is Prague's heart. Once across the river, stop to admire the city's finest _____ church, Saint Nicholas, before climbing the hill to Prague Castle.

Pass beneath the Battling Titans into a complex of palaces, courtyards, and museums.

From the _____ of Milulka Tower, to the creation of the modern republic, Prague Castle has played center stage in Czechoslovakian history.

Rising above the castle are the 600 year-old gothic spires of St Vitus Cathedral, the resting place of Bohemia's kings, emperors and saints.

After arching your back to admire the interiors of St Vitus, duck your head to explore the houses of Golden Lane.

These tiny _____ were once the homes of castle guards, and later, the city's goldsmiths.

Take in the city from the castle ramparts and gardens, then head to the nearby Petrin Hill Observation Tower for the most enchanting views of all.

As the sun sets, Prague's mood shifts again, as if lit up by the _____ of centuries past.

Even the food takes on a medieval quality as whole pigs turn slowly over roasting fires.

At night, locals and travelers meet under the statue of St Wencesias to share the days, stories, and to begin even more adventures in this most magical of cities, Prague.