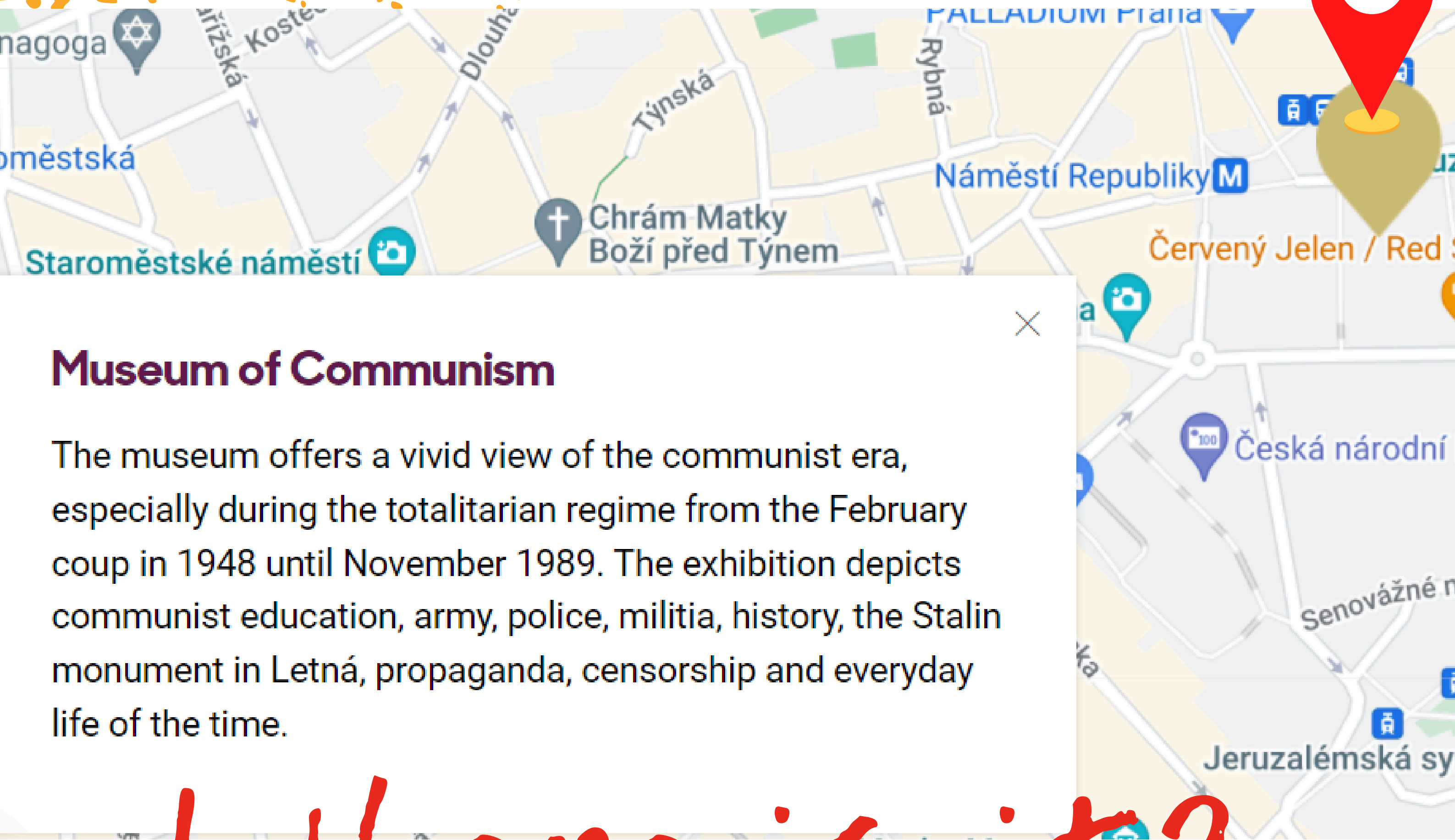


Museum of Communism



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The museum offers a vivid view of the communist era, especially during the totalitarian regime from the February coup in 1948 until November 1989. The exhibition depicts communist education, army, police, militia, history, the Stalin monument in Letná, propaganda, censorship and everyday life of the time.

Where is it?

Located near the Old Town of Prague, the museum traces the history of Communist rule in Czechoslovakia from the Party's inception in 1921 to the Velvet Revolution in 1989 that toppled the Communist regime in Prague.

Ironic Munch?



Not only was the museum co-founded by an American, Glenn Spicker, it sits atop a supermarket, with cafes nearby. The juxtaposition of symbols of Communism and Capitalism is hard to ignore.

Within walking distance to the museum is Wenceslas Square, which is the site of some of the most significant demonstrations against the communist regime in November 1989.

Dream Reality Nightmare

The new permanent exhibition comprises of panels depicting the history of Czechoslovakia and the development of communism chronologically along the three themes of, "the dream, reality and nightmare".

The communist era, from 1948 to 1989, forms the main part of the exhibition. Visitors proceed from clear, white walls into a dark, nightmarish atmosphere - an attempt to portray the reality of daily life in an era of political oppression.



The first part of the exhibition describes why Communism was politically attractive in the first half of the 20th century.

Most of the exhibits, though, cover the reality and the nightmare of Communism - propaganda, censorship, the secret police and labour camps.



The end in 1989



In 1989, protests against communist rule swept through eastern Europe and Prague was no exception.

Known as the Velvet Revolutions, pro-democracy demonstrations and strikes took place in Wenceslas Square. There were daily mass uprising and which the people demanded free elections and an end to one-party rule.

The communist authorities were forced to negotiate with the opposition, ending 40 years of communist rule.

Resources

Museum or Tourist Attraction? The Museum of Communism in Prague.

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– Richard Wagner