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Message to tourists: Behave yourselves

Much is made about the poor quality of some tourism services in Prague, but what about the behavior of the foreign tourists themselves? It's a two-way street, isn't it? If Czech tour guides have to be trained and certified, for example, what's wrong with asking tourists to obey a few rules too? Can we really blame taxi drivers for getting angry when tourists cross the street too damn slowly? And what's with this walking on the left side of the sidewalk? Australian, British and Japanese tourists should have to sign a pledge at the airport stating that they accept the local rule of the road. Young German men would have to agree not to stretch their arms across both sides of the metro car, and Russians poring over maps would be encouraged not to bark at well-meaning locals who offer them assistance. If Czechs can get foreigners to pay Kč 69 for a beer, getting them to conform to a few local rules should be a breeze.

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