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Tom Cruise's revenge



The new "Mission: Impossible" movie is a bunch of action-packed nonsense, but it's still great fun. Especially for Prague residents, who will spend much of the first half of the film trying to discern the streets of their city. Part of the film was shot in Prague, but - egads! - it's supposed to be Moscow. Perhaps this is Tom Cruise's revenge for being overcharged in 1995 for use of Liechtenstein Palace. Václav Havel said at the time that Cruise should have been allowed to use the palace for free, because of the publicity it would bring the city. This time, Cruise took a reported Kč 57m in tax breaks and then turned Prague Castle into the Kremlin. He hung Russian flags in the courtyard of the "Kremlin" and marched past the statue of TGM into the Spanish Hall as if it were Vladimir Lenin or Putin. Czechs won't see the EU flag flying at the Castle, but now they'll be able to see the Russian one there. All in good fun, right?

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