



Muzeum LEGA

An oasis in the centre of Prague

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This past summer, during our vacation in Prague, had an unexpected encounter. Walking through the streets of the capital of the Czech Republic we found the Muzeum LEGA, a private museum that reviews the history and different themes of LEGO® sets.

I have to admit I was a little baffled at the beginning. The poster of the Museum uses a very similar to the LEGO brand typeface, although it doesn't use the official name of the brand. In addition to the Museum there is a LEGO products store where you can find a lot of variety and some more or less exclusive sets. You may think that the LEGO Company is involved in this since the Kladno factory is only a few kilometres from Prague, but after a few inquiries (after my trip) I discovered that it is a completely private Museum and shop.

The entrance to the Museum is through the store, where you can buy the tickets. The Museum is divided into three floors with a tour of sets from CITY, Technic and Model Team, Classic Space, Star Wars™, Western, Pharaoh's Quest and a long etcetera...

I must say that all sets are documented with a card that displays the name, number of pieces, year and reference.

On the lower floor (basement) there is a very large CITY diorama with a mixture of Classic Town and CITY sets. Around the diorama there are many display cabinets with different





sets and dioramas, with, for example, one with (probably) all trains in the LEGO® world and another dedicated to the airport theme. Then there is a hallway that directs takes visitors to other smaller rooms with sets of themes which are more reduced in their number of sets. In each one of the rooms one or two themes are represented and always with a décor that helps to get into the atmosphere of the theme.

After completing the visit to the lower floor, you take the stairs to the first floor, which contains a large Star Wars™ diorama. There you can see most of the UCS ships and other smaller ones. The ones that do not fit in the diorama are in glass cases around it, as well as the entire Classic Space theme.

Finally you descend to the ground floor, where you find some

showcases displaying sets of lines that no longer fit on the other floors0, a play area for children (rather spacious) and the shop with LEGO and pieces.

Throughout the route we saw some “maxi-models” like the Rockefeller Center from Architecture with a height of about one meter.

Even though the museum is private, it is worth visiting it to remember our childhood, our youth and our “adulthood” sets. More than 2500 sets submerge you into a paradise for LEGO fans and will make you feel a little envious, because of some of the sets you may not have or the privileged space to exhibit them.

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