

# A guide to Charles Bridge statues

The statues were erected mostly between 1683 and 1714, the most prominent sculptors of the day took part – including Matthais Braun and Ferdinand Maxmilian.

Unfortunately, the statues you see today aren't the originals.

Back in the 1960's they were taken down and replaced – the originals now live out their retirement at the National Museum. Following is a list of the statues in order if you are travelling from the Old Town side to Malá Strana.

## **Statues on the south side:**

St. Ivo – the patron saint of lawyers

Sts. Barbara, Margaret and Elizabeth

Statue of the lamenting of Christ

St. Joseph – the original was destroyed by cannon fire during the 1848 revolution.

St. Francis Xavier

St. Christopher

St. Francis Borgia

St. Ludmila – St. Wenceslas' grandmother

St. Francis of Assisi

Sts. Vincent Ferrer and Procopius

St. Nicholas of Tolentino

St. Luthgard

St. Adalbert

Sts. John of Matha, Felix of Valois and Ivan

St. Wenceslas

## **Statues on the north side:**

Madonna and St. Bernard

Madonna and Sts Dominic and Thomas Aquinas The Crucifix and Calvary

St. Anne

Sts. Cyril and Methodius

St. John the Baptist

Sts. Norbert of Xanten, Wenscelas and Sigismund

St. John of Nepomuk – Thrown from the bridge to his death; it is now considered good luck to touch his statue

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Jude Thaddeus

St. Augustine

St. Cajetan

St. Philip Benitius

St. Vitus

St. Salvator with Cosmas and Damian