Wedged in the bend of the river, the Old Town Square is my favorite place to start exploring Prague’s treasures. The vast square is ringed with colorful buildings; dotted with Baroque towers, steeples and statues; and alive with people.

Street performers provide a constant soundtrack. Horse-drawn carriages and Segways zip through constantly — a reminder that Prague is as much a city of yesterday as a city of today. At the top of the hour, locals gather around the towering astronomical clock to see a mechanical show of moving figures.