

CZECH INDEPENDENCE DAY

In Johannesburg the Czech community commemorate their Independence Day. Dressed in their gay national costumes they attend a service at St. Mary's Cathedral. It's a special service in the Czech language. Czech national dress is a relic of the grand old Bohemian days, symbol of peasantry and nobility. The headresses reflect the one time exclusiveness of the Czech race. The men are a little less ornamental than the women and the feature of most of their finery are the buckles. Where lace is made you expect to find it in abundance. It's a great reunion and a great memory.