

PRAGUE ACCOMMODATIONS

WELCOMES TO OLIVOVA 5

(troubles? Call us on 251 512 502)

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS THAT WILL MAKE YOUR STAY MORE COMFORTABLE :

- The **telephone number** here is **(+420) 224 233 099**. You can call out, but not to numbers that begin with a zero because the phone is restricted against long distance calls. Unfortunately mobile phones are considered long distance. Anyone can call you here using the prefix above.
- **PICKPOCKETS!!!!!!** Watch out that you don't get crowded ANYWHERE. If you get in a crowd, put your hand on your money. If you are getting crowded, get vocal, shout and move aggressively. Pickpockets come in all different colors, genders and ages, so be aware. Don't carry a wallet, just take some cash and maybe one credit card. The rest of your stuff you can leave here in the apartment.
- To get a **taxi**, call **233 113 311** and wait for the operator to come on and speak English. Tell them the address of the flat, Olivova (pronounced Ooh-liv-Ova) 5, the telephone number of the flat and where you want to go. It usually takes 10 minutes for a taxi to come.
- We have installed a wireless broadband connection in this apartment. It's called PANET and the password is WIFINETWORKPA (all caps WPA Encryption) so you can go ahead and connect and use it any time you want. The smtp server is **smtp.iol.cz**.
- Before leaving, make sure to **shut all the windows**. Being on the ground floor, it's easy for an unwanted person to climb in through an open window.
- **Always lock** both locks in the front door when you leave, first the top and then the bottom lock.
- If you should **break something**, please don't hide it, let us know so we can fix it for the next guest. There's nothing worse than discovering a busted something or other and not having enough time to set it straight for our next clients. Thanks a lot.
- Please **separate your garbage**. In the back courtyard you'll find four different colored bins, blue for paper, yellow for plastic, green for glass and black for the rest. Also, please don't pour coffee grounds down the kitchen sink drain, it's better to put 'em in the garbage or feed 'em to the plants in the back yard.
- The thermostat is set for a comfortable year-round temperature so there's no need to adjust it.

- Quiet hours in the house (and in Prague for that matter) are 10 PM (2200) until 6 AM (0600). Please keep it down during those hours so as not to disturb the residents in the house.
- If any of the **power decides to cut out**, there's a fuse box behind the coat rack in the front hall, if a fuse switch is down, it's off. Push it back up to reset the circuit. Otherwise the mains are outside the front door, to the right, there are three metal doors, behind the second is our main circuit breaker number 10, bottom right corner. Pull **lever number 10 down**, then push up and that will reset the fuses in the apartment.
- **WASHING MACHINE** – Laundry is pretty easy if you have to do any, put detergent in the middle slot in the drawer and softener in the right. If you are doing colors, set the temperature at 30 degrees and set the program dial for 4 for cottons and 5 for synthetics. Whites should be set at 90 degrees and program number 2. Remember to always check the temperature, as if you wash colors at 90 degrees, they will most likely run all over each other!

HANDY PLACES NEARBY

- There is a **money machine** if you have a card that is plus/access or one of the other international companies that allows you to draw dough off of your card. Go right out the front door to the main road and it's just across the road a little up on the left. There is also a money exchange booth next to the money machine.
- There are a couple of **nearby garages**, one on Opletova, left at the end of the block and then immediately right, the garage is immediately on the right. The other is near the State Opera house, which is left at the end of the block, up to the magistral, across the three lanes of traffic and it's right in front of you. The prices vary, the State Opera house parking is 250 CZK per day, Opletalova is 1250 per day although they may give you a discount for 24-hour parking. . If you want to park more cheaply, ask the meeter-greeter to show you the parking near Charles Square, which is 500 CZK per day. **Don't park** on the streets around here, they are all Blue Zone, which is for permit holders in the downtown area. You risk a boot and possible towing if you park in a blue area.
- **Metros** are all close by, the A (green) and B (yellow) lines on Můstek are on the corner of Vodičkova and Wenceslas Square and the C line (red) is on the top of Wenceslas Square next to the statue of the horse. All three lines take about three minutes to walk to.
- **Trams** are also nearby, the **number 9** cuts across town or to Tesco department store (the stop is Narodni Trida) where you can change to a **22 or 23** to take you to the castle or the Mala Strana on the other side of the river. **Tickets** for both the tram and

the metros are available from Tabak stores. The 15 CZK tickets are good for a single ride for 15 minutes and the 20 CZK tickets are good for use on multiple means of transport (two different trams, a tram and metro) for an hour. If you are here for more than a couple of days, buy a 200 CZK ticket which is good on all forms of transport for three days. Remember to time-stamp your ticket in the tram or metro when you get on. If it's not validated you can get fined. It's a good idea to buy about 100 CZK worth of tickets and keep 'em in your wallet/purse so you can hop on a tram or metro any time you feel like it. Remember to time-stamp your ticket in the tram or metro when you get on. If it's not validated you can get fined.

- The main **Post Office** is on Jindřišská, which is out the street, to the end, right and then left along the tramlines. It's on the left side about halfway down the block. Letters are 13 CZK to post to the US, 9 CZK inside of Europe and postcards are 8 CZK to just about anywhere.

PLACES TO EAT

There are plenty of places to eat in Prague especially along the "golden walk" Which is where most tourists stroll. However, the best restaurants in Prague are not along that route, they reside off the beaten path, in nooks and crannies throughout the city. Here are a few of our favorites (locally on top, citywide, beneath):

Paneria bakery, 3 minutes walk - Left out the door, left down Ruzova, at the end of the street opposite is the bakery - good for breakfast and coffee, they sell good bread and pastries.

Kogo, 8 minutes walk - Again, left and left down Ruzova, straight ahead down Nekazanka street, turn right when it t's at the bottom, go into Slovansky Dum and the restaurant is in the garden. They have one of Prague's best gardens and the food is excellent and moderately priced to boot. Good wine list of Croatian, Montenegrin wines.

Bredovsky Dvur, 1 minute walk - Out the door, to the right, cross over, on the corner. Upscale typical Czech pub. Good for a beer, a quick bite or lunch. Not highly recommended for dinner though.

Istanbul, 3 minutes walk - Out the door, to the right, left on Politických Veznu, up the street 50 meters on the left side. A decent Kebab place. Friendly staff, chicken and lamb gyros. The usual Kebab food. Not a great place for dinner.

Pizzeria Felicita, 3 minutes walk - Down Ruzova street, first right, 20 meters on the right. Good pizza, good pastas, good prices, friendly staff.

Ruzova tea shop, 2 minutes walk - Down Ruzova street, 20 meters on the left. Nice selection of teas and a pleasant atmosphere. Sip tea there or take it back to the flat for some later brewing.

Excellent French food in Stare Mesto comes to you from **the Brasserie M, Vladislavova 17, Praha 1, tel: 224 054 070**. The tables circle the kitchen which is open and you can watch the chefs and cooks prepare your meal. It's French style brasserie food, but be prepared to pay a little more than you would were you in France.

For more excellent French food try **Circle Line on Malostranske Namesti 12 , Prague 1, tel. 257 530 021-3** next to the Musical Academy. Again on the higher end of the price range for Prague, about 500 Kc per main course, their fish is really great and they have an outstanding range of Czech wines. This place is better in the winter or fall rather than summer though (no outside tables to speak of), although the food is great any time.

If you want to try French food outside, then make a booking at **Kampa Park, located at Na Kampe 83, Prague 1, tel. 257 532 685**. This is another great restaurant at the high end of the price range for Prague. On the Vltava river with a swell view of the Charles Bridge and an outdoor terrace, it can't be beat for romance and great food. A reservation is a must in the summer, especially if you want to get a table outside.

Just under the castle garden is **Palffy Palac, Valdstejska 14, Prague 1, tel. 257 530 522**. This restaurant is in a musical academy, hidden up a flight of stone stairs and in a back room. The ceilings are high and in the evening the only source of light on the tables are huge candelabras. Sheet music plasters the walls and (hopefully) Mozart, Brahms, Bach or Beethoven plays in the background. The menu here is small and on the same price level as the first three, but the romance and enchantment here can't be beat anywhere in town. There's also a terrace for the summer months and they have a very nice brunch from 11 AM on the weekends.

A groovy place we've recently discovered is **Divinis on Tynska 23, tel. 224 808 318**. This wine bar is run by a Sicilian Italian guy and he knows his Italian wine. That's a bonus as basically he only has Italian wine. You won't go wrong, however, if he recommends a bottle, but you may want to ask the price before committing. Their menu is small but tasty, and the wines are really out of this world.

For Brunch we recommend **Universal, V jircharich 6, Prague 1, tel. 224 934 416**. Open from 11 on Sundays, they have a marvelous spread of cheeses, pastries, quiches, breads and will fix you some soup and eggs all for the very reasonable sum of 185 CZK.

One of the most trendy restaurants/bar in Prague is now **Hergetova Cihelna, Cihelna 2b, Prague 1 tel: +420 257 535 53**. They have a most amazing deck with one of the best views of the Charles Bridge in town. Good steak, a decent wine list in a beautiful environment make this a good place to see and be seen. Beware of the pastas though, they are lousy.

Young Upwardly Mobile Czechs can be found at **Dynamo, Pstrossova 29, Prague 1, tel. 224 932 020**. This restaurant won an interior design a few years back and the food is

good and reasonably priced. They also stock about 100 kinds of whiskey, mostly single malts, for the whiskey drinker.

The last of our favorites is **Stoleti, Karoliny Svetle 21, Prague 1, tel. 222 220 008**, which has an interesting and tasty menu and has a good selection of tasty Czech wines. A few outdoor tables on the sidewalk make it a pleasant place to pass the evening in the warmer months.

If you want a coffee or place to relax during the afternoon, try **Kolibka on Reznicka 10, tel. 296 325 555**. At this bar there are five different types of arabica coffees served plus another 10 types of tea along with the usual bar drinks. You can buy the art off the walls, which has been painted by handicapped people, and support the foundation that sponsors the cafe.

Dancing late night is done at the **Roxy** on Dlouha, which opens at 11 pm, **Mecca** in Prague 7 or at **Karlovy Lazne**, near the Charles Bridge. Good bars are **Solidni Nejistota** on Pstrossova, **Seventh Heaven** on Zborovska, the **Blue Light** on Josefska, **St. Nicholas** on Trziste (down the street from Vlasska 8), **U Maleho Glena** on Karmelitska and **M1** on Masna street near Old Town Square.