

PRAGUE ACCOMMODATIONS **WELCOMES TO SPANELSKA 6**

(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) 222 250 436**. 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, Spanelska 6 (pronounced ShPan-yell-ska) 6, 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 PASPAN and it's not password protected 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. Also please make sure you lock the gate.
- 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.
- 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.

- **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 either cottons or synthetics. Whites are done between 60 and 90.

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 left out the front door and then down to the main road. Cross both big streets which puts you into Wenceslas Square. Here you will find an American Express Machine and down on the right, an all systems machine. .
- There is a **nearby garage**. It's near near the State Opera house, which is right at the end of the block, right onto the highway, 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, If you find a place on the street, you can park anywhere around here. However make sure you **Don't leave anything in your car!!!**
- **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, down in the middle of Wenceslas Square. 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.
- 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):

Modra Reka, Manesova 13, tel. 222 251 601, 2 minutes walk - right out the door, right on Manesova (that's the first right), up the street a block and a half, on the left hand side. A very good Serbian restaurant.

U Sadlu II, Balbinova 22, tel 222 252 411, 2 minutes walk - A branch of the first U Sadlu, this place specializes in heaping portions of Czech cuisine. Very tasty, very good, very close. Out the door, left down to Vinohradska, left up Vinohradska for one block, left onto Balbinova, on the right hand side of the street.

Pasticka, Manesova 35, tel 222 253 466, 5 minutes walk – Another very good Czech pub with an outstanding garden in the back for those warm summer months. A good variety of Czech Cuisine for dinner. They also have a very good luncheon menu for under 100 CZK. Out the door, turn right, up Manesova, cross onto the left hand side, walk four blocks uphill

Amigos, Anny Letenske 16, tel. 222 250 594, 3 minutes walk – they like to call it Tex-Mex, we like to call it Czech-Mex, you can decide. The menu is bigger than a phone book. Out the door, turn right, up Manesova, cross onto the left hand side, walk three blocks uphill, on the corner of Manesova and Anny Letenske.

Louis Armstrong, 3 minutes walk, Italska 30, tel. 222 253 670 - A “cool” place to have dinner, the lights are low and the food is acceptable. The music is great if you like Jazz. And the waiters are super friendly. Out the door, turn right, up Manesova, cross onto the left hand side, walk two blocks uphill, on the corner of Italska.

Any place on Wenceslas Square is close, out the door, to the left, right on Vinohradska, cross under the highway behind the museum and then you are standing on Wenceslas Square, heart of Prague. There are plenty of hotels and restaurants on this boulevard.

Our current favorite and around the hill from the Prague Castle and is the **Ristorante Vecchio Borgo, U Pernikarky 1111/2A, Prague 5, tel: 608 555 981**. The chef, Roberto, hails from Italy and his past is always fresh and hand made. His fish is imported twice a week. When ordering, just ask Roberto what he recommends and be prepared to go to culinary heaven. Located in a former nunnery, this hard to find restaurant is attached to the Hotel Edith Stein. Make

sure you take a taxi.

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 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 **Palfy 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.

Well off the beaten path, but of excellent value and taste is **Atelier, Seifertova 44, Prague 3, tel: 222 718 411**. A very good menu which is freshly prepared daily in a lovely setting in Prague's Vrsovice district this is a great place to get to if you are spending more than just a few days in Prague.

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.