# APARTMENTS IN PRAGUE WELCOMES TO SPANELSKA 6 APT. 2

(troubles? Call us on 251 512 502)

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

- The **telephone number** here is **+420 222 942 355**. 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 PANET and the password is WIFINETWORKPA (all caps) so you can
  go ahead and connect and use it any time you want. The smtp server is
  smtp.upc.cz.
- Before leaving, make sure to shut all the windows and lock the balcony doors. Although we're a floor up here, it's a good idea to lock the balcony doors so no one can come in.
- Always lock the front door when you leave, don't just pull the door shut, it's
  easy to use a credit card to then get inside.
- 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
  somethingorother 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.

### **Machines in this apartment**

- WASHING MACHINE The washing machine is in the last closet in the corridor. Laundry is pretty easy if you have to do any, put detergent in the right slot in the drawer and softener in the middle. Then firmly close the door and with the left button choose your program. The symbols are international. Next choose your temperature. If you are doing colors don't use anything over 40. If you do you'll definitely ruin your clothes. Only Whites and ONLY whites should be washed at 60 or hotter. Then set the spin, 400 is fine. The press the start button on the right, and off it'll go. If you need to add something, press the play button again and then WAIT A MINUTE for the door to unlock and then add your stuff. DON'T force the door open, it's on an electric lock and if you break it, you'll have to pay to get it fixed.
- A four ring gas desktop sits on the island. Use the knobs on the right of the burners, turn and hold and they'll fire right up. Above the desktop is a hood. The button on the left is the light and the rest of the buttons are for the fan. It sucks pretty well, but it's loud.
- DISHWASHER Load up all your dishes, put the soap tab into the door (there should be some under the sink), close the door over the tab and then close the door to the dishwasher. The program is set, it should be 50 so all you have to do is press the on button on the left side and the dishwasher will light up and then start to run.
- STOVE The stove has a child lock on it. Before opening, you must depress
  the lever in the middle over the oven door and then pull it open. Please don't
  force it, you'll break the lever. Select your cooking style (broil, convection,
  standard), then your time and finally your temperature. The oven will fire up
  and you'll be ready to rock and roll.

#### **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 the main street, called Vinohradska, turn left, uphill, and less than a block away is a Cesky Sporitelna bankomat.

- There is a nearby garage. It's near near the State Opera house. You must go right on Manesova, right again on Vinohrady, right onto the highway, far left land and it's the first left you can make. It's marked by a big blue P sign. The prices vary, the State Opera house parking is 1250 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!!! 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.
- Metros are all close by, the A (green) and B (yellow) lines on Mustek 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 Třida) 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 Jindřišska halfway down Wenceslas Square where the trams cut across. Go right off of the square, and it's on the righthand side of the street after some 20 meters. 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):

**Trattoria La Rocca,** Vinohradska 32, tel 222 520 060, 5 minutes walk – left out the front door, left on the main street with the trams, up the hill two blocks, it's on the right hand side opposite the Volvo dealership. GREAT Pizza, very good italian food, friendly staff, highly recommended for lunch or dinner.

**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

**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.

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.

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, Valdstejnska 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.

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.

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.