

PRAGUE ACCOMMODATIONS
WELCOMES YOU TO LUŽICKÁ 14

(troubles? Call us on **251 512 502**)

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS THAT WILL MAKE YOUR STAY MORE COMFORTABLE (Aug. 2007):

- The **telephone number** here is **(+420) 222 517 178**. You can call locally all you want, 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.
- **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, Luzicka (pronounced Loozeeska) 14, Vinohrady, 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**. Sometimes storms blow up out of nowhere and the rains pour down and the wind will blow rain straight into the flat.
- **Always lock** the front door when you leave. There are two locks in the door, use both, you never know when someone else wants to have a look at your stuff.
- The heating is central gas and is set for a comfortable year round temperature.
- 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 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.

- If any of the power decides to cut out, there's a fuse box in the hallway. If a fuse switch is down, it's off. Push it back up to reset the circuit. There is also a main switch box outside of the flat around the corner, if the inside box does not reset, try the outside one.
- If you're around town and you want to phone, buy a phone card outside the main post office, or at any Tabak shop, and use that in the many pay phones around the city. You can also use coins, but there aren't many coin phones left.

HANDY PLACES NEARBY

- **Trams 22 and 23** stop nearby and will take you directly to the center of town. You need to get off at **Narodni Trida**, which is five stops down the hill. If you want to go to the castle, stay on the tram and it will whisk you straight to the back of the castle where you can walk down. To get to the tram stop, turn left out the door, take the first left and then immediately right. **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. 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 VALIDATE YOUR TICKET ON THE TRAM OR SUBWAY BEFORE YOU RIDE.** Use the little yellow boxes on the tram or before you descend into the metro. If you don't validate your ticket and you are inspected, you will have to pay a big fine!
- You can park your car on either side of the street around here.
- There are many small shops near the tram stop where you can buy a few essentials. There is a good bakery just down the street from the tram stop on the left-hand side (facing downhill). I believe they open at 8 on weekends. There are also plenty of drug stores if you've forgotten toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.
- The main **Post Office** is on Jindřišska, near the middle of Wenceslas Square. Letters are 13 CZK to post to the US, 9 CZK inside of Europe and postcards are 9 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 (top) and citywide (beneath):

Paneria bakery, 5 minutes walk - Left out the door, left and then right on the tram street, cross over, 20 meters along. Good for breakfast and coffee, they sell good bread and pastries.

Coffee shop Lavazza, 5 minutes walk - Out to Francouzská street right, right and right again and it's there. Good for having a coffee in the afternoon or before getting out in the morning.

Pizzeria Pravek, 3 minutes walk - Down to the bottom of Luzická, left and it's right there. Typical Czech pizza, nice seating on the sidewalk in the summer. Not expensive but then it's not fancy either. But it's close and it's acceptable so...

Retro Cafe, 7 minutes walk - just above Namesti Miru on the left side (down from the paneria), they have breakfast, lunch dinner, coffee. Kind of sterile inside as they went for the 1930's style and didn't quite pull it off, but a valiant effort.

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.

More 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.

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 Nejstota** 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.