

APARTMENTS IN PRAGUE
WELCOMES YOU TO ZBOROVSKA 19

(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) 257 311 299**. You can call 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, Zborovska (pronounced Zuh Boor Of Ska) 19, the telephone number of this apartment 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.02.cz**. If you have a weak signal, you can also directly plug into the network with an ethernet cable which we've left in the cabinet under the radio.
- Before leaving, make sure to **shut all the windows**.. The rain can also come up very quickly here and it would be a shame to have the nice floors ruined by a sudden downpour (not to say expensive to fix as well!).
- **Always lock** the front door of the apartment when you leave. Just turn the lock a couple of times. If you just pull the door closed it's easy to break in if you know how.

MACHINES IN THIS APARTMENT

- To use the **Microwave** please remove anything metal from inside. Then it's best to read the directions which are stored in the cabinet underneath the the stove. It's pretty complicated, but it's a good machine, so if you plan to use it, then make an effort to understand the machine. Thanks.
- The **Stove** is easy to use, turn the knob to your desired heating element (fan, broil, bake) and the temperature will come on to an ideal setting. Use the plus or minus

buttons to move the temperature up or down. Again, instructions are located in the drawer under the stove, so read them if you don't understand anything.

- The **dishwasher** is easy to use as well. Simply fill it up, get a dishwashing tab from beneath the sink, put it into the door container on the left, close the lid. You turn the machine on with the button on the top right of the machine. The program you should use is the one on the left side, the pot with the three squiggly lines below it. Press the P button three times until the light is red below the program. If you only do half a load, use the ½ symbol. Then shut the door and it'll start up. Be careful when unloading hot dishes, they break more easily when they are hot.
- The **cooking hob** is a gas unit. Turn on any of the burners by twisting the knob and holding it until the pilot catches the flame. Simple. You can put hot pots right on the granite, bonus.
- The **Washing machine** is pretty simple to understand. Pull out the drawer and put your washing detergent in the left side of the drawer. If you use softener, put it in the middle compartment. Then adjust the temperature. Temperatures for cotton are adjusted if you turn the dial to the right. If you are washing synthetics, turn the dial to the left. **DO NOT** wash darks warmer than 50 degrees or you'll end up having your clothes run and we aren't responsible for that. Anyway, after you have selected your temperature, press the start button and away you go. If you want to use the drying function (which doesn't work that well in our experience) turn the knob to dry, press the dry button and then the start button.
- To dry your clothes, put them in the dryer, empty the lint bin near the door, close the door, select your time and press start. Presto, dry clothes!
- **The Fireplace** is just so romantic, right? You bet! It's turned off in the summer so if it's summer don't even think about trying to turn it on, we cut the gas off. But in the winter, use the remote and press up or down. The pilot will catch the gas and the entire thing will light up. Be careful the glass gets VERY HOT when it's working. It will definitely make the living room most cozy.
- **The DVD player and HUGE TV!** So we don't like TVs too much, we think you should be out enjoying Prague NOT watching TV which is why we never have them in our apartments. But the owner of this apartment wants to watch movies, so there you go. Turn on the dvd player which is in the entertainment center under the bar. Then turn on the TV with the remote, find the DVD setting and then press play. Hopefully you'll see a movie. There is no cable or satellite, so if you actually want to get brainwashed, you'll have to understand Czech.

OTHER APARTMENTS TIPS

- 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.
- 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** next to the front door. If a fuse switch is down, it's off. Push it back up to reset the circuit.
- Please **don't pour coffee grounds** down the kitchen sink drain, it's better to put 'em in the garbage.

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. Out the door, turn right, one block, go right for two blocks, it's in modern building on the right called Komerčni Banka.
- If you have driven you can park your car wherever you find parking. Make sure you take everything out of the car though, there are thieves around who like to steal radios and other things if you leave 'em showing.
- Best movie theater and shopping in town at Andel, which is three blocks away. Again, out the door, go right, go right up two blocks to where the trams run, then go left and you'll be at the mall. Anything you can possibly want is in the mall including great movie theaters showing movies in English.
- **Trams** are nearby, **numbers 6, 9, 10, 12, 20, 24** all start in front of Andel. They will get you anywhere in town. Also the B line metro is at Andel. **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. If you are here for a while longer, check into buying a multiple day pass which costs 200 CZK. They are good on all forms of public transport. Remember to time-stamp your ticket in the tram or metro when you get on. If it's not validated you can get fined.
- **Metro B** is also close by, at Andel 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** for this neighborhood is right around the corner from where you are, go right out the front door, right again and it's one block up on the right. Letters are 13 CZK to post to the US, 9 CZK inside of Europe and postcards are 9 CZK to just about anywhere.
- 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.

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 underneath):

The Savoy Café Vitezna 1, Praha 5 tel: 257 311 561 , 7 minutes walk - . Walk down to the river, turn left, walk along the embankment until you come to the bridge, turn left again and you'll run into the Savoy. Be careful because it just might become your favorite place to have a coffee, drink a glass of wine or enjoy a fine meal. It is one of the more amazing spaces in town. The ceilings are unbelievable, having been recently restore to their original art-deco beauty. The new owners, the Ambiente Group, has set this café up as a French-style bistro.

Cantina, Ujezd 38, Praha 1, tel 257 317 173, 10 minute walk - . A Czech-Mex-style place, this restaurant offers excellent lunch specials and reasonable dining as well. It's up on Ujezd street, so walk away from the river until you run into the tram tracks, turn left and after five blocks or so, you'll smack right into it. Czech-Mex means they offer Mexican dishes done in the Czech style. We'll leave it to your imagination as to what that really means. If you plan to go here for dinner, reservations are a must, and try to book early.

Restaurant Cerny Kohout, Vojteská 9, Praha 1, tel: 251 681 191, open: Monday 18-23. Tues-Sat: 12-15, 18-23, 10 minute walk – Across the river from the apartment, but not too far! Cross the river on the nearest bridge, go left until you run into the Manes gallery, go right and then take your first left and you'll smack into the restaurant. It is one of our favorite restaurants in town. They post their lunch menu online every Tuesday (they are open for lunch from Tuesday-Friday) and for 199 CZK, it's a steal for a three-course meal. The food is outstanding, well and carefully prepared with small details and excellent waiting which you don't find in a lot of Prague Restaurants. The restaurant has to be one of the best kept secrets in town. You should definitely get there while they are not too popular so you can enjoy a spectacular meal.

U Deloveho Krize, Stefanikova 48, Praha 5, tel 257 312 389 5 minute walk - . Great Czech food. Go up to Stefanikova (the tram street away from the river), turn right and one block along you'll see a Plzner beer awning and stairs leading downwards. Prices are good, and the duck is out of this world. Really. We recommend it for lunch but you can eat dinner here too, but for duck, lunch is better.

The Staropramen Brewery Pub, Nadrazni 84, Praha 5, tel. 257 191 200, 10 minutes walk - another of our favorite dining places. It's a couple of blocks past the Andel mall, they also have great Czech food and make their own beer. It's an alternative beer to Plsner and the local Prague Brew. The pub features all the regular Czech fare and they have a simply wonderful garden to sit out in during the summer months. If you time it right, you can take a brewery tour and then have a big meal at the pub.

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, 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.

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 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.