

APARTMENTS IN PRAGUE
WELCOMES YOU TO JANSKA 7, Apt. 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) 257 941 330 ext. 105**. 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, Janska 7, Mala Strana, 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, WPA encryption) 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 we've left in the bedroom.
- Before leaving, make sure to **shut all the windows**. With a balcony it is easy for an unwanted person to climb in through an open window. 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. The front door to the building is opened by pressing the buzzer on the left side of the door while pulling the door handle up.

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 cooking hob. 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 easier than the microwave. Select the temperature with which you wish to cook, using the knob on the right. The knob on the left selects the type of cooking you wish to use, from convection on the right to conventional cooking all the way over on the left. The oven will beep when the temperature is adjusted correctly. Instructions are located under the hob along with the microwave's instructions.
- 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.
- The **cooking hob** is a halogen unit. Press the on button to the left and then use the +/- buttons to adjust the temperatures. The unit will stay hot after you finish cooking so please be careful to not burn yourself. Also don't put hot pots directly onto the counter top, please use the chopping board or one of the cork coasters to prevent burning the counter. There are instructions for the hob in the drawer below the silverware.
- 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, close the door firmly, press the on button to the right and then press ECO to start it up. To open the door again, push the

door in while pressing the handle up and it'll spring open. Be careful when unloading hot dishes, they break more easily when they are hot.

- Instructions for most of the kitchen appliances are in a drawer underneath the cooking hob. Please read them if you plan to do some laundry, use the dishwasher, etc. We have left tabs for the dishwasher, but you'll have to buy your own laundry detergent. We recommend gel as you can stick it in directly with your clothes. The stove top is halogen and heats up very quickly, so beware when you are cooking on it.

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** in the kitchen in a brown box on the wall opposite the toilet, 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. Go down to Malastranské Namestí, take the street that leads to Charles Bridge and on the left side is a machine.
- You can **park your car up around the corner in the hotel garage**. The garage is guarded 24 hours a day and 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.

- There's a swell little shop on Vlasska street where you can buy a few essentials. Further down on Trizste Street lus there's a nice vegetable shop. There's also a small kitchen shop and drug store at Karmelitska (where the trams run) where you can get soap, shampoo, whatever. There's also a bakery on Karmelitska just to the right.
- **Trams** are nearby, **numbers 22 and 23** cut across town to Tesco department store (the stop is Narodni Třída) where you can shop (take the trams heading back towards the apartment). Or you can take them up past the castle and walk down through it (take the tram away from the apartment). **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 A** is also close by, at Malostranské, which is left out of the square. It should take you about ten minutes to walk there or you can take a tram 22, or 23 one stop (away from the flat). 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 Jindřiřska, 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.
- 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):

Gitanes, 2 minutes walk - A Serbian restaurant just down Trziste street on the right side. Balkan food, Croatian, Montenegrin wine list. So so service, food is up and down. Nice tables outside in the summer.

Restaurant David, 2 minute walk - A very nice, posh small place, reservations a must. Follow Trziste street up to the right rather than going left up Vlasska street.

The Square, 4 minute walk - on Malostranske Namesti, an upper-crust kind of place with a good new revamped menu and helpful service. They have nice tables outdoors in the summer.

Hergetova Cihelna, 8 minute walk - Again, on our main page of restaurant recommendations, this is probably the most trendy bar/restaurant in town. They have an absolutely excellent deck on the Vltava for summer lunching or dining. Reservations a must.

Kampa Park, 8 minute walk – (see below) The food can be great and it can be all right, but it's always expensive. They have a great deck on the Vltava and this is perhaps the most romantic place in Prague for dinner.

Palffy Palace 10 minute walk – (see below) Amazing atmosphere, nice deck for the summer months, limited but very good menu.

St Nicholas Bar 2 minute walk - Down Trziste Street on the left side, this is a very nice cozy bar open late. Great place to get a nightcap.

U Maleho Glena, 2 minute walk - Just down the street to the right on Karmelitska, a good bar with ok bar food upstairs and a jazz club

downstairs.

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 **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.

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.