



PRAGUE

ACT LIKE A LOCAL

Just after the Velvet Revolution, Prague experienced a touristic boom. Maybe the 40 years of communism when we enjoyed Prague with fewer tourists spoiled us. Maybe we just don't want to get used to crowds of tourists, who knows? But one thing is certain. If you want to act like a local, do complain about tourists.

It is not usual for us to kiss or hug when we meet. It might feel awkward to shake hands also, but sometimes it is weird not to do it. We are quite difficult about that. We suggest you wait to see what the other person does and then follow.

Let elderly people sit in the tram. It is polite and you avoid the unpleasant arguments with retired grandmas and grandpas of Prague often armed with canes.

Drink tea and smoke shisha in a tearoom. If we are broke, but don't want to sit at home, we enjoy a really long cup of tea and talk for hours. It may seem strange, but Czech people love oriental tearooms. We love them so much that we have even created a sort of "oriental tearoom" that doesn't exist in the East.

Normally we leave about 20 CZK as a tip in a typical restaurant. Usually less in a bar or pub, so always round to the nearest 5 or 10 CZK. But if one goes "for one beer" and they want to rob him by requiring 40 CZK for one beer or they are really into it, usually only you, just pay what you have to pay. (No tip is possible!).

Watch out for dog shit! Some people say it brings money, but... you know...

OPENING HOURS

Most museums are closed on Mondays.

Many shops are generally closed on Sundays, but not so much in the city centre.

Most restaurants don't usually serve warm meals after 9 (or 10 pm). If you're hungry after this hour you had better go and grab some fast food.

WHY VIETNAMESE?

Well, they kept coming here during our long-term socialist friendship with the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, ended up staying, and now they are among the most populous minorities here. Typically they do not speak much Czech since they live in separate communities and work much longer hours than most Czechs would.

WHAT'S ON TODAY

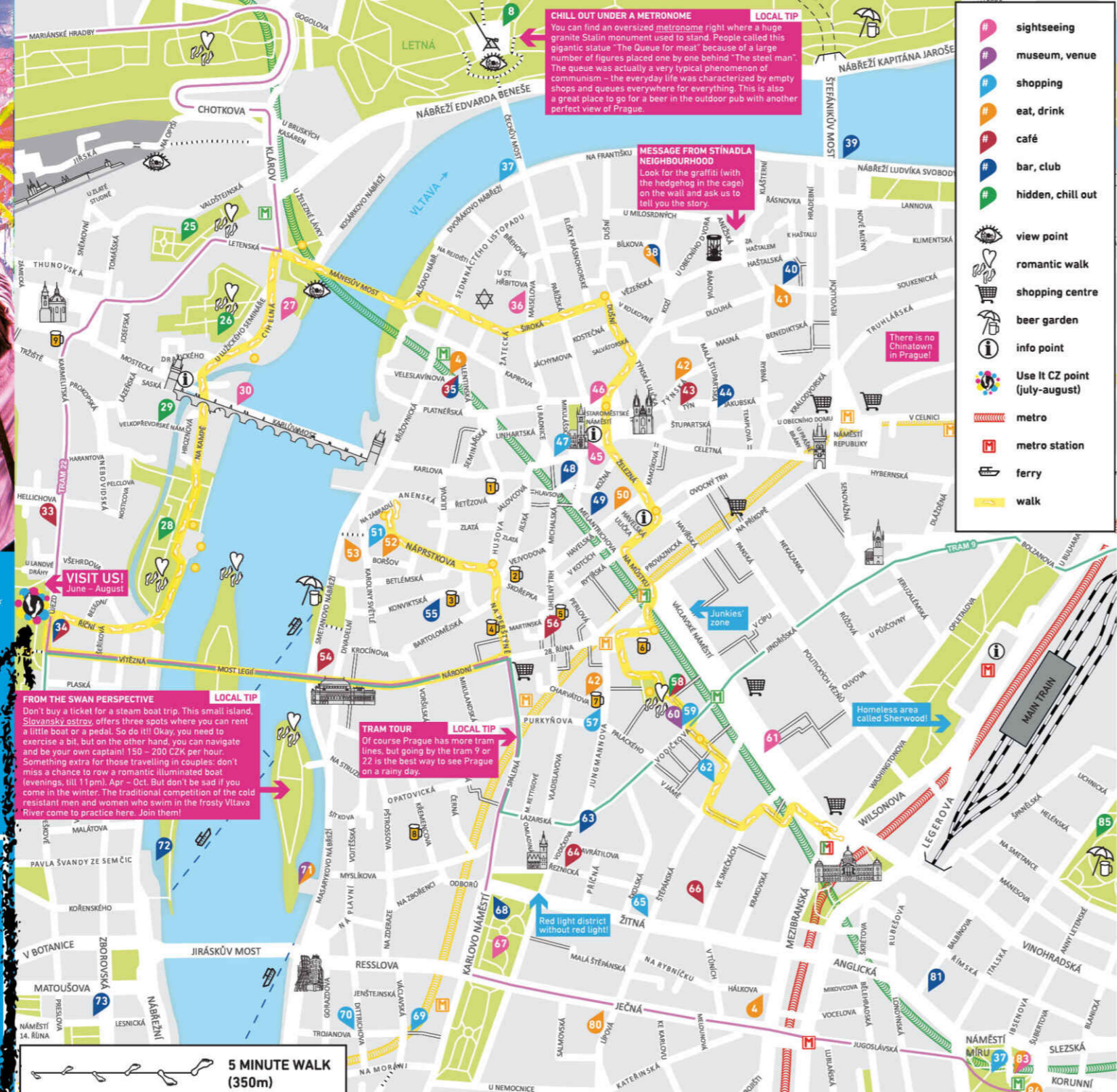
House - newspaper available in clubs, cinemas and bar/pubs.

Artmap - map of contemporary art in Prague, available in galleries, bookstores...

FAN - poster with cultural program that you can read at bus stops.

www.idit.net - helps promote non-mainstream culture and events.

For international parties check out the www.isc.cvut.cz, www.nation2nation.cz or www.ukacko.cz



LIBRARY COVERED IN CARTOONS

National Technical Library. Don't think it's only for engineers! It is so good that students of other universities are envious of it! It is one of the best buildings from previous years, full of technical jokes inside and decorated with funny pictures. Borrow the entry card in a visitor centre to enter the library. Watch for the details - how many kcal can you lose rising the stairs? And the colourful floor... Or it was not always like this. We always complained about there being no markets due to the city policy, but since last year we can finally enjoy the market revival. They keep growing almost miraculously in various locations all around Prague and by the way things here have quickly become a fashion statement. The "farmers' sell organic and fresh food and other merchandise they claim is local and we want believe the origin. Great place to get a bit of an unconventional lunch or to buy lets say, cheese, home-baked as a souvenir.

FARMERS' MARKET

Farmářské trhy. A food market may sound really trivial and you could say it belongs to every city. It is not true for Prague. Or it was not always like this. We always complained about there being no markets due to the city policy, but since last year we can finally enjoy the market revival. They keep growing almost miraculously in various locations all around Prague and by the way things here have quickly become a fashion statement. The "farmers' sell organic and fresh food and other merchandise they claim is local and we want believe the origin. Great place to get a bit of an unconventional lunch or to buy lets say, cheese, home-baked as a souvenir.

STARS WITHIN GRASP

Planetarium. Do you like stars? Want to see them even in the day light? This building with a dome-shaped roof hosts high-tech sky projections. Closed on Fridays!

WATER DANCES WITH MUSIC

Křižák's fountain. 1650 cubic meters of water, 2km of pipes, 1300 multicoloured reflectors... all this allows the fountain built for the World exhibition in 1891 to show you spectacular water shows - occasionally completed with ballet - for 200 CZK (shows start at 8, 9, 10 and 11pm).

CHILL OUT UNDER A METRONOME

Letná. This large park is a paradise for skateboarders, rollerbladers and cyclists. If you dare, you may borrow a longboard, roller blades or even a kite in Dvazdovická (Na Vyšňách 22).

CORRIDORS OF MODERN ART

Veletržní palác. This functionalist pearl full of corridors and galleries was built in 1920's and was the biggest trade fair trade building in the world at the time! Wow! Sadly, during WWII this area was an assembling point for Jews to be sent to Terezin concentration camp. It then became a trade fair palace again and also the set of the famous Tuzex, a Communist network of shops where you could buy foreign (mainly western) goods unavailable in regular stores. The Czechoslovak crown was not accepted, so you needed foreign currency or Tuzex vouchers known

BEAUTIFUL INDUSTRIY

DOX. In the past, Holešovice was an important industrial district with a slaughter house, port and gasworks - making the area quite grey and unpleasant. In 2002, it was affected by the floods and mostly endless rows of Vietnamese stalls selling fake name brand clothes, cheaper cigarettes and fast T-shirts. After the sunsets the red lights turn on and this former slaughter house starts to live a wilder night life.

PRAGUE MARKET

Nová Sólá means literally "new world", but in fact it is the opposite. If you are romantic soul, you shouldn't miss these narrow crooked streets with small houses built in the 14th century. You can still find house signs above the doors (blue fox, golden grail...) and look up their names and history. You won't be disappointed in any season of the year or any time during the day, but during the night the light of old lanterns (however, not gas anymore!) will bring you back in time.

MONASTERY WITH BREWERY

The Strahov Monastic Brewery. If you need a good excuse for just having a good beer, here go to this mini brewery. Monks have been making beer here since the 13th century and you can taste a beer prepared according to the same methods from 1516, meaning no hop or yeast added and no pasteurisation. You can always say that your main purpose is visiting the Old Strahov Monastery and especially the beautifully decorated library, but after (or before if) it has a beer.

HANGING COFFEE

U Zvěřineckého káfe. Do you know what "hanging coffee" means? You don't! Well, a guy walks into a cafe, drinks a cup of coffee and says: "Till pay for 2 cups, the one I just drank and another one which I will leave hanging here. Another guy enters and asks what the first guy is doing. The first guy says: "I'm hanging a hanging coffee here!" And if there's one, he drinks it. Espresso 28 CZK. Daily menu 84 CZK. (Úvoz 6).

PEACOCKS' PARADISE

Vojanov sady is the oldest garden in Prague and you should visit it if you believe that peacocks are only ground birds. If you're lucky you can see them cry at the top of the tree. Plus, it seems that tourists haven't discovered this small quiet paradise yet. (U Lužického semináře 17). Valdštejnská zahrada is Vojanov sady's twin. Choose which one fits better to your itinerary.

THE NARROWEST STREET IN PRAGUE

It is so small that it doesn't have any name. Steep and with many steps, nothing for the fat or square-shouldered people. You can find traffic lights on both ends of this pedestrian mini-street to prevent collisions. To find this unique place you need to start on Lužického semináře street and look for the restaurant Čertovka. It's not easy but don't give up!

FALSE ISLAND

Get off of the crowded Charles Bridge and escape down the stairs to the calm island known as Kampa. This area is divided from the rest of the mainland by the short "Venice-like" artificial canal - Čertovka. You can pass through the small area of picturesque old houses with typical house signs above the door (try to find the fish logo) to the Kelem Kampa at riverside. The modern art turned into a little controversial home of the former art. Tired of the nice view towards the river and all the art? Use its green park for jogging, reading a good book and just sit on a grass.

CLOGGED BRIDGE

Karlův Most - Charles Bridge. Believe it or not, a famous myth says that during the construction of this super bridge, a 5-story tower was built on the hill. The tower was made of stone and was so strong that it could hold up the bridge. The tower was decorated with 30 mostly baroque statues, which are now all replaced by replicas. It was recently restored in a quite controversial way and you can see the new stone blocks. Painters and jewellers set their work there, even in winter when it's freezing! They love you that much, art loving tourists! But an awfully crowded place! We mostly try to avoid the tower and visit in the night or early in the morning when you can still feel the breeze of the magical atmosphere of lovers' hill.

LOVERS' HILL

Patřín. A magnet for couples, especially in the spring when the trees are blossoming. The area is a magnet of public transport, so it is cheap - take it for some great views and a nice stroll through the rose garden. Or make a picnic right on the hill. Ask locals to tell you the story of the Hungers' wall going over the hill. You can find only few of them in a city centre today. You can eat traditional Czech cuisine for a few bucks (80 CZK meals). First you'll need to take a tray, put all your plates on it and then look for a friend. If you're not a friend, you can buy a tray for 10 CZK. For our mothers and fathers this was a perfectly pleasant lunch and a normal way to eat. At the entrance you'll get a paper ticket where they will note what you ate and drank and you are at the right place. It is a metal labyrinth with the unique concert selection including (in Czech context) the Beatles, the unknown bands and interesting foreign bands. A great excursion into the student accommodation in the Czech communist time. (Chaloupeckého 7).

CAFÉ BEHIND TOBACCO SHOP

Dobrá Třezba. Before getting to this cafe/bar you will need to pass through the newspaper/tobacco shop. Once there, however, you can chat and perhaps listen to jazz Armstrong's tunes. Don't expect exactly the best coffee, but enjoy the nicely selected atmosphere just as we do. When you leave, do not forget to pay at the counter. But before that, there are two things - aren't you looking for a good postcard? Well, this is the place to buy some. They also sell card games, handmade jewellery from coffee seeds and other little gizmos. (Ujezd 37 or Korunní 42).

DINNER UNDER STARS

Lehňá hlava. Want to know what a veggie knob looks like? The Lehňá hlava restaurant has various rooms but the one with the dark ceiling imitating night sky with stars and tables made of plastic lighting wood is by far the best. You can go there for a nice dinner, lunch menu (108 CZK) or just a cup of Aztec hot chocolate. Non-smoking. (Boršov 2).

SCULPTURE WALK

Would you like to walk the centre a different way facing the art pieces sharing the public space with us? Then follow me!

"Grottesque exaggeration and mystification became the trademarks of Czech culture and the creation of false identities is counted among the strategies of contemporary art." David Černý

The walk starts "under the horse" - the bronze sculpture of the patron of Bohemia St. Václav (Venceslas) from J.V. Myslbek (1924). Escape quickly from the crowd into the passages - the hidden parallel route. In the Lucerna passage look up at the Hanging Horse! Yes, it is the same patron as the same horse, but this time by David Černý (1999). This pair of statues points out an interesting fact, that the sculptures in Prague come either from the time before WWII or from the time after the Velvet Revolution. Public space life was virtually non-existent during communist times and got back to the times of statues of great Russian idols. Also - a small quiz: there is one interestingly privileged author of post-revolution period, read till the end and guess which one.

Continue to the passage Světovar, by the ice-cream and sit down in the Františkánska zahrada near Three Fairies by Josef Klímek. This garden used to belong to the monastery. Next, exit the garden in the times of statues of great Russian idols. Also - a small quiz: there is one interestingly privileged author of post-revolution period, read till the end and guess which one.

Then don't miss Yellow Penguins by the river and Vltava Chair 2 by Magdaléna Jetelevá. The original one was destroyed by floods in 2002, but this new one is even bigger. Go to Ujezd to find the Memorial to the Victims of Communism, expressive stairs with men falling apart, by Oltřam Zoubek (2002). They are well illuminated at night. Take the tram 2 for two stops to Národní třída and sink into Old Town. Look up! Don't forget David Černý likes his pieces "in the air" where the Husova street starts you will find his Hanging Sigmund Freud (1977) - just don't call the police. It is dark already? Great time to visit Embryo in the downslope of Divadlo Na Zábřehi by who else than David Černý (2008).

Great! Here we are close to many good restaurants like U Chlupatého ducha (Konvičkářská 6) - just use your instincts.

GZECH MENU

ELEMENTARY: The simplest goodie is our bread. Finally you will understand what it means to eat the best bread in the world! Traditionally it was served with salt as a "welcome food" - poor, but fair. Don't dare say anything bad about it! It is our bread.

STARTER: Test our typical soups - šesnačka (garlic soup), zelňačka (cabbage soup), bramboračka (potato soup), kalužka (thick soup with forest mushrooms), or držková (it will taste better if you don't know what it is made of).

MAIN COURSE: You can indulge your taste buds with our knedlíky (dumplings). We have many, many types: dumplings with smoked meat, dumplings with fruits, potato dumplings with pork or bread dumplings... (famous vepřo-knedlo-zelo) with duck or with škvarkův (meat with creamy sauce - very hard to describe).

DRINKS

ALCOHOLIC: First check out the BEEER box. But if you are a strong alcohol lover you should try the healing powers of Becherovka (see the souvenirs section), bitter Fernet, Medovina made of honey, or Absinht - yes, you can get it legally here (up to 80 % alcohol). In fact it is like a double amount of vodka, but will get you drunk faster. The result, however, is more likely a good old black-out than hallucinations.

NON-ALCOHOLIC: Don't drink Coca-Cola if you are in a bar or pub where they serve Kofola, the original Czech version of Cola.

SNACKS & FAST FOOD

Naktádaný hermelín (pickled cheese), tlačenka (meat in jelly), utopenec (meat "drawn man" in Czech, while it is a sauer sausage) or korhábky (Slovak salty cheese) taste the best with a beer. Don't know what is it? Just try it! You might hate it, but at least you could feel the Czech spirit. Order in Czech and no one would ever guess you are a tourist!

Párek v rohlíku - it is called a hot dog, but it is of course prepared in a special Czech way! First we marinate the rolls and then we poke the sausage INSIDE. The most famous and the best are sold at Národní Miru.

Want a fast snack? Go to the supermarket and buy a roll, ham and cheese and eat it outside while sitting on the bench. Are you afraid of looking like a homeless person? Don't worry, we really do that too. Or even worse, we'll eat and walk at the same time!

If you feel hungry during a drunken night, order gyros at Národní street or I.P. Pavlova.

ARE WE WRONG?

Did we miss something? Did you find a mistake? We like to learn from our mistakes and we'd love to hear your advice! Let us know at:

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- www.use-it.cz, info@use-it.cz
- visit our Info desk (Jul-Aug)

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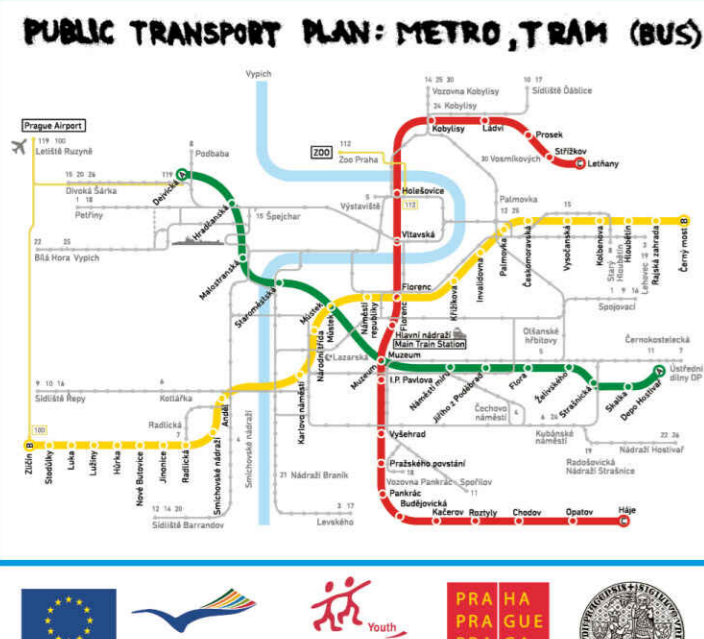
- 53 ATMOSPHERE** Don't be confused by two locations from various streets which let you get through the student pub into the cafeteria yard. In "Atmoska" you will find a favourite Czech pub game - table-football and of course a great atmosphere. Don't miss a hot kilo of home-made fried potato slices served with three different dressings for 85 CZK. Open from 12am.
- 54 OLD TIMES FOR INTELLECTUALS** Kavařna Slavia. Experience the atmosphere of an intellectual café from the first half of the 20th century with formal waiters, cake, a friendly and local atmosphere. This is a classic place where you can find some Czech intellectuals even today. Get espresso for 39 CZK. Smoking is allowed. 9am - 12pm. (Smetanovo nábřeží 2).
- 55 RAINBOW PLACE** Friends Prague. This is a well-known (not only) gay bar with parties, karaoke, travesty shows, DJs and video disco. Good place to start your Prague's gay scene discovery tour.
- 56 COFFEE & INTERNET** Káva Káva Káva. Take advantage of gratis access to their computer to go online, when you drink or for more than 30 CZK in this café and specialised coffee shop in a cosy courtyard called Platýž. They have toasted bagels (30 CZK) and big choice of cakes. (Národní 37). If you happen to be around, try also the one in Lidická 42.
- 57 MAPS OF WHATEVER** Kiki offers the whole world in two rooms. Are you looking for a guide about Brisbane? Something about Japan? Or simply for one boring plan of Prague? Come!
- 58 ICE-CREAM IN THE GARDEN** Franciscan Garden is a green and calm connection between Jungmann Garden and Wenceslas Square. It is a good enough reason to stay here for awhile. The garden is not very large, which means that during a sunny day it is a little bit difficult to find a place to sit. If you manage, you can square off some really great and delicious ice cream that you bought in the adjoining Pasáž Světlozor, watch people and just relax.
- 59 PHOTO PARADISE** Foto Škola. Paparazzi or just photo-fun? When you need to buy/repair a new old camera, go here. When you need to print your photos or share. When you need whatever linked to photography, go here. If they don't have it they will tell you where you should go. (Vodičkova 37).
- 60 HIDDEN PHOTOS** Galerie Langhans. Fan of photography? In this modern building hidden in the city centre you can find a photo gallery in place of a former studio of photographer Langhans destroyed by the Nazis. The gallery opened in 2003 after an amazing discovery of one remaining wardrobe full of contemporary portraits on glass negatives. Come also to visit a photo-specialized library. (Vodičkova 37).
- 61 DESIGNED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS** Václavské náměstí - Wenceslas Square. It's more of a boulevard full of shops than a square. Important for modern Czech history (e.g. the "Velvet Revolution") - it is big enough to organise demonstrations and we know it. At the top of the square there is a big equestrian statue of St. Wenceslas and "under the tail" (of his horse) is a favourite meeting point. The square is almost always crowded so you can't smile, act like a local and use your passageway know-how. The Museum is currently closed!

TRANSPORT

How to get from/to the airport? Just take a bus! Bus Number 119 operates on the line: "Prague Ruzyně Airport (Letiště Ruzyně) - Dejvická (terminal station of the A - aka "green" metro line). Travel time is about 20 minutes and the ticket is part of the public transport - see the special paragraph for prices.

Use public transport! It's much cheaper than using a taxi and often even faster. You can look up your way at www.dpp.cz/idos in English! Taxi drivers are in general considered robbers because of their prices. If you really need to take a taxi, ask for a Taxi service phone number when leaving a bar or pub.

Be aware that the last metro leaves at midnight Sun-Thu and at 1am Fri-Sat, but don't worry, we have a good system of night transport (trams, buses) running throughout the entire night.



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- 62 CHARITY SHOPPING** Sage Ryder. You can find many second hand shops in Prague, but this one is special. It's a charity shop. Whatever you buy there (clothes, books in foreign languages, accessories) the money goes to the people living through life-changing illnesses. If you're a lucky you can find famous brands there for very good prices. Is your backpack too heavy? Help them by leaving something there! They can sell it. Mon - Fri.
- 63 WINE CELLAR** U Sadu. Have you ever drunk wine or beer in a Gothic cellar with formal waiters and a friendly and local atmosphere, this is your spot. (9pm - 4am. Vodičkova 10).
- 64 FAIR (TRADE) COFFEE** Mamacoffee. This is the coffee place. Smell the aroma and ask the staff for their coffee tips while enjoying discreet music and home-made Czech cake (biscuits) completed by many choices of coffee or tea. If you are hungry, try their soups. Non-smoking. (Vodičkova 5).
- 65 CHEAP 'N' CHIC** Šibe. Yes, even second hand shops can be organized into chains. They sort all clothes according to colours so if you like matching, this could be your clothing heaven. Mon - Fri: 9am - 7pm. (Státní 17/653).
- 66 SERVED BY HANDICAPPED** Yegmína. A non-typical café which also functions as a work-training project for mentally disabled people - resulting in a wonderfully nice atmosphere. Slow down and eat something small. Non-smoking. Mon - Fri. (Ve Smečkách 5).
- 67 A PARK? NO! A SQUARE!** Karlovo náměstí. Actually this is the biggest square in Central Europe! But for us it is just a scrappy green intersection. The city hall has been busy for years with plans for its reconstruction into something people might actually use as a square. By night this place is a favourite one for the homeless and junkies, so do not go there here and there and be careful when sitting on the grass. Need to pee? You can use this (former public) toilet but now you have to pay for your drink as well - here in a trendy Calabar 22 that was built from smelly bathrooms and has nothing to do with the telephone company. You can also check your e-mail on the computer at the bar.
- Find a hidden treasure in the Václavské pasáž. - the famous bakery with the crispiest bake rolls and most dreamy pastry.
- 68 PUBLISHED IN CZECH REPUBLIC** Polis. Wow! 140 m2 of the best books and music that can be found on the Czech market. If you are desperately looking for something from underground, experiments, punk or subculture in general, you'll find it here. (Trojská 9).
- 69 FLOATING FUNCTIONALIST GALLERY** Mánes. The renaissance tower survived a functionalist reconstruction of the neighbouring former mill where you can now find the exhibition hall with a long tradition. Romantic souls would appreciate eating a simple and cheap lunch menu with a splendid river view as dessert. (Masarykovo nábřeží 250).
- 70 FLOATING JAZZ** Jazz Dock Café. In the afternoon it is a free entry café with seasonal menus. In the evening there are gorgeous small live soul, funk and blues concerts with entry of 90 CZK for everyone under 25 years. 190 CZK for others. While listening to the music, you can watch boats passing by on the night river.

TICKETS: Remember, it's usually not possible to buy a ticket directly from bus/tram driver! Use machines in metro or at some tram or bus stops or go to a newspaper shop. The same ticket is valid for metro/tram/bus.

Single ticket (24 CZK) - 30 minutes by tram/bus/metro

Transfer ticket (32 CZK) - 90 min by tram/bus/metro

Think about a **1 day ticket** (110 CZK) or **3 days ticket** (310 CZK).

On the tram there is always a sign with a name of the final stop. But if it says "VOZOVNA" it means that the tram is going to the depot and the line direction may be different. That happens often later in the evening.

SMICHOV quarter is located in the perfect place, directly between the water's edge and Petřín Hill (aka the Lovers' Hill). We like the Smichov hub - Anděl (which means again in English) with a huge cinema and a shopping mall. And the smell! That is the scent of the Staropramen brewery!

THE HEART OF DEJVICE quarter is basically a campus district - the world all by itself, full of universities and of course crowded with students. The centre though is a square, which is sadly just a big roundabout - the first and the last place you will see in Prague if you fly over.

The city centre: neighbourhoods of **STARÉ MĚSTO** (Old Town), **NOVÉ MĚSTO**, **MALA STRANA** and **HRADČANY**. You may have strange locals do not prefer to live there because of the tourism. But I admit - it is beautiful and I can't resist to come here time to time. I know where to go.

KARLÍN quarter was under water some nine years ago due to the floods, but was then remodeled into an administrative district where white-collar employees work. If I walk around, I do not feel like I am in Prague, but rather a completely different city - quite a funny sensation.

ZIŽKOV is a former Gypsy quarter that has recently been turned into a fancier neighbourhood. Here you can literally find a bar or a pub on every corner.

People in Prague perceive **VINOHRADY** as a posh neighbourhood most likely because of the art nouveau buildings with extremely high ceilings. The truth is nobody would mind living here, perhaps because this is where the real local life happens.

- sightseeing
- museum, venue
- shopping
- eat, drink
- café
- bar, club
- hidden, chill out
- view point
- romantic walk
- shopping centre
- laundry
- info point
- Use IT CZ point (July-August)
- metro
- metro station
- ferry
- walks

ARE WE RIGHT? Send us a picture of yourself with USE-IT map from your favourite Prague place!

- COMMUNIST MARCH**
- The first task: look down from the top of the hill 1 and guess - which monuments were built during the communist era? Yes, the most controversial, huge and generally hated one - as the era itself. Descend to the ramps of 2 through 2 and continue towards the Memorial to the Victims of Communism, where you can read estimated numbers of victims. Find a sweet shop cukrárna (Vítězná 14), where the time has stopped in the 70s. Walk the National Street, try to imagine a peaceful crowd of people protesting against the military in 1989 while being hit by the police and find the Monument of the Velvet Revolution.
- Come to the square of demonstrations 3. In pasáž Světlozor find Lido Restaurant Peklo in the cellar - an efficient self-service canteen so typical for the communist period. At the top of the square look down and find the Memorial Jan Palach, who burned himself in a protest against the occupation in 1968. Then look straight ahead, where you can admire Magistrála (the arterial motorway), the worst gift from communism to the Prague urban design. The fight for The National Radlo in 1968 had become a symbol of Czech resistance against the occupation. Then take a metro (red line) to the Prosek station. The sea of panel block buildings, where many of young locals grew up will take your breath away. Then come back to the Florenc station. Climb the hill to the functionalist National Monument, where the permanent exhibition sits, showing moments in the 20th century, that pretty much changed the ideological view of the state (We-Sun, 60/30 CZK). After that, descend to the beloved and hated Zizkov TV Tower 5 (1985-1992). Go up, look around and recall the things you saw - it is open till 11pm! End up at the restaurant U Sadu 6, where they can feed you basically any time.
- CHILL OUT WALK**
- Do you just want to take it easy and enjoy a peaceful Prague?
- Before you start, go and get some yummy picnic food for your breakfast and lunch. The walk starts at Vyšehrad metro station. Find your way to the ramps of 2 through the greenery, walk around and have a breakfast picnic on the grass - but hey - do not eat all the bread!!! Then find the stairs and get to the riverbank near the Railway Bridge, which is a cool bridge to enjoy Vltava river without tourists. Follow the water and enjoy the beautiful views of the Prague castle and Prague bridges. Have you listened to us and still have some bread leftovers? Feed the swans and ducks as we do! Keep going until you see an island on your left side - Slavnobřezý ostrov. You can easily cross the small bridge to this island.
- Just sit on the wall, relax, drink and eat whatever you brought for your lunch. You will see local people doing the same, sitting, chatting and enjoying the amazing views. Look carefully for the ferry - one ride costs the same as one tram ticket (24 CZK) Set across the river and get out on the Čihadla Island. On the side there is a wonderful bar named Jazz Dock Café 2. The atmosphere in this club is magic and worthwhile! After a few drinks, carry on to Kinsky's Garden. This garden is full of big trees offering shade. Are you curious about the only (though not natural) waterfall in Prague? The path will rise a little bit, but in a few minutes you will see it.
- After that you can finish your day in the Shadow bar 4. We love to chill out in Prague!

- 1948 - "Victorious February"** - the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, with Soviet backing, takes control over the government of Czechoslovakia.
- 1968 - The army of Warsaw Pact** (Soviet Union, Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), Hungary and Poland) invaded Czechoslovakia in order to stop the liberation process - so called "Prague Spring".
- 1989 - a non-violent "Velvet Revolution"** sees the fall of the communist government silently splits the federal state of Czechoslovakia into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- 80's AND 90's PARTIES** Music bar Edenium. We love music from the 80's and 90's - would you like to join us? Live concerts and video clips on the screen. Entrance 80 - 250 CZK. The best parties start at 10pm. (Zbrojovka 7).
- PASSION FOR METAL MUSIC** Wear your tightest black leather pants and sink into the atmosphere. (Lukáš 28).
- BEACH WITHOUT SEA** Smíchovská pláž. Do you miss the sea while in the heart of Europe? How does a beach in the sound? During the summer you can find 200m of sand with bars, deckchairs, showers and an open-air cinema. There is a place for football, beach volleyball, badminton and ping-pong. You can even hire a dragon boat. If you are still not happy enough you can even get married on that beach!
- INDUSTRY MEETS CULTURE** Meet factory. A former glass and then diesel motors factory has become (after its radical reconstruction) the International Centre of Contemporary Art. If you are into that you won't know what to choose first. They have it all: theatre, film, exhibitions, music etc. What could make this even better? Many events are for free! You must see it to believe it! From metro stop named Anděl take any tram going in the "Sídliště Barrandov" direction and get out in 7 minutes at the stop called Lihovar. You will see the building with red hanging cars on the facade - that's it! Cross the bridge over the railway to get there. (Ke Škálárně 15).
- PICNIC ON RAMPARTS** Vítězná. A fortress full of old Czech legends, where princess Libuše foresees the future glory of Prague. It was right from the Vyšehrad rock. Have a nice walk on ramparts and inside them and picnic with a splendid view of Prague. The romantic cemetery is also there, even if you don't know the famous Czech figures who are buried there. You can hear the carillon from the Neo-Gothic basilica and visit casino (190 CZK) in the evening.
- EASY GOING BEER** Hospůdka na hradičkách. Don't get trapped in other (tourist) restaurants and find this safe local island with beer, red lemonade and delicious food.
- BEER HOUSE** Pivovarský dům. Sure, you can have just a simple beer, but you'd be a real coward. You can start with their local coffee beer or banana beer, have a beer shot or beer cocktail and as the cherry on the top of the cake - a beer champagne! But don't forget to eat! Taste some of the Czech specialties prepared, of course, with beer. 11am - 11:30pm.
- FOLK PUB** Balbínova poetická hospůdka. Small bar/pub in a brick cellar where you can meet all sorts of bizarre locals talking about their political dreams, projects or just nonsense. You can take part in nice concerts but need to come early to get some place to sit. Quite smoky. 6 - 12pm. (Balbínova 6).
- ABSOLUT LOCAL** Souteraín. Café bar in the cellar with coloured brick walls, old furniture and local vibe. Become a friend of the owner and you may perform with your music over there. Order special homemade brandy or yeast beer Hubertus from a small Czech brewery. (Bělehradská 142/82).
- THE BEST HOT DOG SQUARE** Polbičkova. You don't need to appreciate sitting on the bench and looking at the Neo-Gothic red brick Church of St. Ludmila to this good food. Look for the National metro entrance. That's a place to buy the best hot dog in Prague (seven types of mustard!!!).
- PIZZA OR RATHER RISOTTO?** Pizzeria Grosseto. Walking through Prague, one could get the impression that pizza is a traditional Czech meal. This impression is certainly right and the recipe often times isn't either. But here you have a genuine Italian chef who cooks really tasty Italian food.
- WATCH OUT FOR DOG SH.** Ringerový sady. You can take a stroll, run or just decide if you want your Gambirinus Beer in a glass or plastic cup. With glass they only let you see or sit in this large and very popular buzzing summer beer garden with a big screen for watching hockey or other kinds of sport matches (we love to watch sports btw.). If you settle for a plastic cup, you are allowed to take it outside and may drink it wherever you want.

- 81 PALACE OF INDEPENDENT ART** The venue has become known as the leading Prague scene for world and ethnic music and also now you'll mostly catch concerts (definitely not a world music though), but don't be surprised if the programme is a theatre performance or a movie. The interior is astonishing - so called living plaster, holes in which weird animals could live... itch to touch the walls. DJ's nights, reggae, dub, jungle until 5 a.m.
- BACK YARD CINEMA** Kino Aero can be found just 5 minutes out of the map - take the tram number 9 to the stop called Biskupcova, get out, turn around and then just walk straight ahead until you find it. It is our much-favoured spot when art houses in Prague are a word. Kick back for a while with some extraordinary movie within a themed programme or a retrospective. They are often in English with English subtitles. Don't be afraid and take your beer inside - special cup holders are mounted on every second seat! (Biskupcova 31).
- SCARY TUNNEL** Vitkovský tunel - a steep transverse tunnel joins two pretty unique quarters: old Žižkov with all the bars and the renewed administrative district of Karlín. Walk from Tachovská náměstí towards the Thámova street and you can be sure to meet locals, sometimes quite peculiar, during your 300m long walk through the tube. When you emerge on the other side, take a little walk around... the whole area was under water some 9 years ago during the floods. Since it has been rebuilt the vibe had changed. From the top of the Vitkov Hill, the former star of the protestant reformation - Jan Žižka - keeps his one remaining eye on you.
- VIVAT BREWERIES** Pivovarský klub. Aren't you sad from the fact that the common Czech restaurant does offer a wide selection of meals but usually just one or two brands of beer? The owners of this place decided to go the other way and always offer 6 draught beers from small Czech breweries in addition to about 200 different bottled beers - both Czech and imported. (Křižkova 17).
- SOUP LA GEORGIA** Polbičkova. Karlín used to be a dirty, industrial neighbourhood, but when the big plans for an extraordinary office district appeared, in addition to the following floods, the area was renovated. So if the neighbourhood turned recently in a "white collar" area, where those poor ordinary office people eat their lunch? The smart ones come for soup and a pastry to this Georgian style place with friendly service and a reasonable price. Just try (Sokolovská 97).

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