

The town has two faces. The pretty centre is there for

show, shopping and socializing, the sea of Soviet panel block buildings (called "paneláky") is where most of us

back home and have your last drink in an authentic no

Mondays, in Kavkárna on Tuesdays, in Highway 61 club

and Cafe Hostel on Wednesdays. It is in Czech but don't

Learn who to cheer for. It might sound like a list of

(Římov from the tap). Although it sounds like a fancy

WHERE TO LAY THE BASE?

Big hype all over Czech republic. Why? Small scale

Beeranek: Tiny brewery run by passionate Radim Beránek. Order his treasure in Singer <mark>38</mark> too.

a glass of tap water. What else do you expect for 10 CZK?

infamous Máj - concrete quarte

rt of Roma population. After a

to play it in Horká Vana or

Act like a local

In Paris they have the Eiffel Tower, we have... ehm... a giant fly. It was placed in one window of the Black Tower after a traditional art festival which takes place will, at least, be remembered forever thanks to our map.

Use the right shortcut! To say every time the full name of České Budějovice is a bit of pain, but be cautious. The only correct possibility is "Budějce" [Boodieitse]. Forget "Budějice" and don't try to upset us with "Budějky" – only lousy Praguers would say that!

we do not know and do not care. Stay calm and ignore the American Budweiser. Czech Budweiser keep on winning a longterm fight over our trademark.

Wanna fit in? Go to bed with the chickens. Be real need any special skills. Being relaxed and little bit lazy is The empty streets may remind you a scene from some

Celebrate the coming month of May! Majáles is a 5-day event which you shouldn't miss. It is a student carnival festival. Wish for good weather, enjoy concerts, join the parade, vote for the king of Majáles and have fun.

been doing the past night, someone else would know for tell you. We live in a capital of the region, which feels

Beer box

MINGLE WITH THE LOCAL BEER CROWD:

Say: "Jdu na jedno" ("I go for one" and yes, we mean beer) but never leave before your 4th one.

¹ <u>Tří sedláků</u>: Czech classics: "česnečka" (garlic oup), "tatarský biftek" (steak tartare) or "vepřo-nedlo-zelo" (pork, dumpling, cabbage forming n essential dish of Czech cuisine). Vegetarian? etter go somewhere else. *Hroznová 48*8 <u>ebestů</u>: Lifeboat for hungry night owls. t meals until 5:00 (on Sundays until 3:00)

WHERE TO PRACTICE?

- Paluba: Summer deal: platform on the water, drink "kroužkovaný ležák". Na Mlýnské stoce

Budějovice notably increases and the average

age decreases. The University of South Bohemia has around 11 000 students from all over the Czech Republic. The thing is, a lot of them hid in or around the main campus. Which is why Come for a bit of spying!

HOW TO FIND IT?

From the city centre catch number 3 bus or walk along Husova Street for 10 minutes, then turn left into Branišovská Street, walk 5 more minutes and when you see the new glass buildings and flags on your left side, you are there.

1 NON STOP

When all the pubs around close their door beind your back, your rescue boat <u>Alex</u> (aka Áčko aka mino) waits for you, always ready. Jump in and do to boost your energy on a JukeBox. Jana Opletala 2

STUDENT'S MINI GALLERY If you find yourself near the <u>Biology centre</u> don't hesitate to come in and turn left. Have a coffee in a nice snack bar and don't forget to check photo exhibition in corridors. Mon-Fri 8:00–16:00.

13 TRUTH AND LOVE MUST PREVAIL d some inspiration? Then sit down on Havel's place. This round table with two chairs place around our national tree is an art project dedicated to our former president Václav Havel. Sit there for a 4 LIBRARY CAFÉ It's crowded in a library? Sounds strange, huh the cafe downstairs. Café AK proves that the cheapest coffee in the city really does not mean the worst one. Also try their delicious "chlebíček" or some dessert. Mon–Ťhu 8:00–17:00, Fri 8:00–14:00. Branišovská

University of South Bohemia



5 WANT MORE COFFEE?

After lunch in <u>Menza</u> (the canteen) go for a good coffee to the ground floor. There's a small cosy buffet there. *Studentská* 797

6 ALL INCLUSIVE

Student club Kampa is another reason Orinks of all kinds, home-made cakes, gigs el guides, one man shows, students' art chibitions. Still not enough? Then come n Tuesday and ask for Čtyrák, a beer from university brewery which was built for

ction. Mon 11:00-1:00, Tue-Fri 11:00-3:00, Sat-Sun 16:00-23:00. Studentská 29

8 SAMSON – GOOOOD

7 MANY MINI

The most student-friendly service far and wide is found in the pub <u>U Nezmara</u>. Perhaps the only place to drink Samson

KMP (Klub malých pivovarů) is nothing for fuddy-duddi

It is perfect for taste experimenters. There usually are 14 beers on

are high proof, so drink little. You will save your liver and wallet. Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat 16:00–23:00, Wen, Fri 16:00–24:00. *Husova*

tap. Don't be surprised when the order is changed even during

the evening. But be careful with the tasting. Most of the beers

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

9 GARAGE SALE

Wake up, early birds! Every Saturday from 7:00 to 11:00 ere is a big <u>flea market</u>. Vendors offer random bizarre collecions of their possessions right from their own car. Walk across exhibition grounds on the right side. Follow the street to parking the pavilion B4. Entrance 15 CZK. Husova 523

<u>Café Lanna</u> is a café with a story. Come hear it or at least to rent a cool bike from 200 CZK/day (1000 CZK deposit in cash). Open every day. Mon-Fri 7:30-20:00, Sat-Sun 9:00-20:00.

11 LONG (WHICH IS SHORT)

You might get accused of never visiting the city if you don't ough the needle's eye of <u>Dlouhý most</u> ("The Long Bridge"). It's really not too long, but that doesn't matter. Dlouha louka ("The Long Meadow") next to the bridge is all asphalt And we do not mind that either. Husova třída

12 BURGER & HOT DOG

For a straight burger or a decent non-Czech-style hot dog, one needs to snoop around for a while. Man, <u>Hadog</u> really knows the proper formula. Plus you get to test vanilla Coke, are lucky. Burgers 105-160 CZK. Mon-Sat 11:00-22:00, Sun

13 THE ONLY BUDWEISER

ntinue 15 minutes along Pražská třída to find the glass building of Budweiser Budvar. The brewery organize xcursions for 120 CZK/60 CZK for students. You know the drill – you watch the brewing process and in the end comes the best part – tasting the beer. Nothing extraordinary, but it sort of belongs to our city and we've grown to like it. Mon-Sun 9:00-17:00. Karolíny Světlé 4

14 SHARDS OF DEFENCE

Only 14 years after it was founded, our town was attacked and ravaged for the first time. It is no wonder locals wanted to protect themselves better, and they really fine-tuned their fortification. Most of the medieval walls disappeared with the traffic boom of the 19th century, but the former jail – Rabštejnská věž tower and a few others stayed. No need to visit the museum inside. Just walk along the former fortification or wander the streets around and check out the narrowest house in the city right opposite the tower. Panská $4\,$

15 FAMILY BISTRO

Home-made, 100% natural, picked under moonlight. Restaurant owners fool you into believing everything only to ge you in as a customer. But you can believe <u>Bistro Cobliha</u>. Their lemonade is a full load of mashed raspberries or lemon slices with a whole bush of mint. A genuine family restaurant where everything is fresh, home-made and real heaven in your mouth Wide dessert selection. Mon–Sat 9:00–22:00. *Panská* 2

16 IMMENSE COCOA

Once I went to a cosy and homey café. I ordered a hot e and they brought me a mug the size of a chamberpot. To this day, I cannot forget it. Mon-Fri 8:00-20:00,

LET'S HAVE A BATH

ll age groups appreciate the relaxed feel of the club <u>Horká</u> entry is often free. The only thing you will not hear there are ums, as the neighbours like their peace. Mon–Thu 9:00–23:00, Fri 9:00–1:00, Sat 18:00–1:00, Sun 18:00–22:00. Česká 7

Get a small pocket <u>culture guide</u> called KAM at the Infocentrum or Horká Vana. There is also another magazine SEM TAM which is about culture in south Bohemia. They are published monthly.

18 INTERNATIONAL SCENT

Café Hostel brings locals together with an internationa sh of students, musicians and poets, who all mix well with the relaxed attitude of the staff and the overall vibe of the place. Cosy hidden backyard is a good place to sit in the summer Mon–Fri 15:00–22:00, Sat–Sun 17:00–22:00. *Panská 13*

19 BINOCHE MEETS COFFEE

The owner and the place bring to mind the movie "Chocolat". The main star here is coffee, though. Did you know that it is literally loaded with all kinds of enzymes and other good stuff. but only within 14 days after roasting? After that everything goes to hell, but luckily there is the roastery Jedna radost. Mon-Fri 9:00-18:00, Sat 9:00-12:00. Panská

That's the motto of $\underline{Zeleninov\acute{y}}$ bar ("Vegetable bar").

no eggs. Is there anything left? Sure! And it tastes exquisite. 21 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE The odds that you would discover Shisha bar on your own close to zero. Find a staircase at the end of the passage and

climb to the 1st floor to find the spacious interior of this tea

oom specialized in shishas. Smoke, drink tea or join us for board

Meat on Thursday, fish on Friday. Otherwise no glutens, no milk,

games! Mon-Sun 16:00-24:00. Česká 30 222 SOUP IN A PAPER CUP

Are you cold and hungry? No problem. Drop by original istro Polífka.cz. For soup lovers, it is a great alternative to classi fast food with burgers and hot dogs. For 39 CZK, you can have a tasty warm soup, which you get in a giant paper coffee cup. The menu changes every day. Mon–Thu 9:00–23:00, Fri–Sat

23 3D PRINTING LIVE

our brilliant ideas can become immortal in Print club How? Thanks to silk-screen printing machines, you can try to write, draw or sketch on T-shirts, textile bags, posters. Creativity is not limited. Tue 16:00-19:00 and Thu 15:00-19:00.

Who's never tried Medúza, doesn't know. This unique luxury shisha is fairly costly, but it's served only at <u>Čajový Ateliér</u>. But not just that. You will be warmly welc ned and get experienced recommenda The calm setting is complete with discreet music. Don't get confused by the tea shop

with the same name across the street

Mon-Fri 11:00-23:00, Sat-Sun 14:00-23:00. Krajinská 22

25 BEER SHELVES Imagine you open your fridge and realize you forgot to buy everything except beer. Bummer! Buy souvenirs your friends will appreciate at <u>Pivotéka U Modrého lva</u>. The collection of beer from small Czech bre We recommend Matuška or Kocour. Mon–Fri 10:30–18:30, Sat 10:30-14:30. Plachého 27

For non-Czech-speakers, there is always opera or ballet in the big building but you could also be a bit more original atre, or "adult puppet shows", as we call them, in Malé divadlo adební 18) All produced by <u>Jihočeské divadlo</u> enser

27 THINK TANK

Some intellectual topic? As you please. Café Měsíc ve dne for a new feminist wave. It also runs a little gallery with varying exhibitions. To fit in, order good old ZONka lemonade.

28 TWO FLOORS OF FASHION

While most of the clothes are not exactly new, the shop itself is very fresh. TOP – a hot spot for second-hand lovers piece for you, Mon 13:00–18:00, Tue–Thu 9:00–18:00,

29 MINI VINTAGE True vintage as you know it from big cities, only on a minia

ture scale - that's Prego. The stuff is pre-chosen with care, which is why you have to pay a bit more. Totally worth it. Also, if you're fed up with your trousers, try passing them on. Mon–Fri

30 IRRESISTIBLE TEMPTATION To The Control of the Co "Drink me, drink me, drink me!" Every time we pass

Coffee on the go (a) (Sokolský ostrov) we hear these screams. We can't resist and must stop for a smooth caffé latte or a perfect, refreshing strawberry mojito. This bar on wheels and its unbeliev ably nice staff is open from May to October. If you want to meet these nice people or the tasty coffee in the winter months, visit café <u>U Vás</u> <u>b</u> Mon–Sat 9:00–19:00, Sun 13:00–19:00.

31 GOOD THEINE It falls under the good manners of Czech youngsters, at a certain point in our lives, to venture into tearooms almos on a daily basis. A bunch of us keep the habit and still come from time to time. And since our nation also has a soft spot for oriental tearooms, go get a taste of it, drop by <u>Dobrá čajovna</u> Mon–Sat 13:00–22:00, Sun 15:00–22:00. *Hroznová 16*

32 TOWER AS HOME

Let's climb, very carefully, the 225 steep stairs of the famous symbol of the city – <u>Černá věž</u> ("Black tower"). Recommended before lunch. As a reward, you meet a nice guard and will be allowed to pay 30 CZK to get to see the view over the main square and over the city plus the hills round. Today's guard gets to leave after the last tourist climbs down, which is not really fair to the guard back in the day. He not only needed to watch out for a fire in the city, that your boxers don't have a hole. While bathing in the fountain but he had to live here - with his wife, children and even hi on the square is forbidden fruit, drifting in the swimming place

33 RINGS FROM THE TANK

Despite the fact that Masné krámy ("Meat shop") attracts plenty of tourists, locals still relish the place. It mus e for the affordable delicious food and for sure for the Krausened Lager from the tank. The difference between he ordinary Budweiser pale lager and this treasure is the fermenting hopped wort – "rings". Those are added into th eer after it is actually ready. We like it because that way it has more vitamins. Just kidding, it simply tastes awesome. Believe us, it is worth 41 CZK. The restaurant is really nea and FYI, it used to be a market for butchers, that's where it ne originates. Mon-Thu 10:30-23:00, Fri-Sat 10:30-24:00, Sun 10:30-21:00. Krajinská 13

goat! Tue–Sun 10:00–18:00. U Černé věže 2

34 THE MOST BIO

During the past few years local <u>farmers' markets</u> have become widely popular among Czechs. The liveliest one here is the one on Thursday's at Piaristické náměstí – come in the morning and buy a healthy snack for your picnic.

SALT OVER GOLD? What a crazy and remarkable wall! This prominent building was built in the 16th century as a grain storage. Later it served as an armoury and then as a Solnice ("salt warehouse"), and this name has stayed ever since. A local legend says the three guys staring from the wall are beheaded thieves – if so... why, for God's sake, are they smiling? Maybe they can see the future and look forward to those days when the grain and the salt in their house will be replaced by beer. The growing brewery across the street is going to bring this liquid gold to Solnice through underground

36 NO MONKS If you are coming here from Piaristická Street, find the stone skull and put your fingers into its eye sockets for good luck. <u>Piarist square</u> is a must-see for its delightful atmosphere (to be sure, it used to be a cemetery) and also for the Church of the Sacrifice of Our Lady (30 CZK). This church is the most valuable monument of the city. Inside, look for the paintings from the 14th century, outside, search for the frog climbing the wall. It is not really recognizable anymore, but it used to be slowly climbing towards the roof and we believe once it reaches the top, the end of the world is here. Not too far, is it? A beautiful recently renovated gothic cloister connects the church with the **Dominican** convent (with no monks, indeed), and sometimes the walls of orridor hold an exhibition. May–October 9:00–17:00.

37 LOVE AT SECOND SIGHT



delicacies that you can't usually find in Czech cafés and bistros. 8:00-22:00, Fri 9:00-22:00, Sat 9:00-24:00. Piaristická 8 38 SINGER CULT

Singer pub is legendary. Everyone knows it. Come over and figure out where the name originates. You need to serve yourself, but you will be happy to do so. The official opening time is till 23:30, but, off the record, it might be your last stroke. Their beer list is more than acceptable with nine draft beers including where to find Singer, follow the smell of the weed. It is a safe bet.

Support the South Bohemian region! Buy stuff from local producers! The focus of the shop U Dobráka is food at close range. Dairy products, honey, spirits, mushroom waters. Smack. Mon–Sat 7:30–17:00. Česká 49

SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED Red, white vellow blue or seed N

Red, white, yellow, blue or green? If you are a lover of isonous-looking types of drinks, choose <u>Žlutá Ponorka</u>. This famed cocktail bar was recently moved to a historical building nnected with the salt business and a horse-drawn railway, which makes it a genius location and provide the attribute "poetic cocktail bar". Tue-Thu 19:00-2:00, Fri 19:00-24:00. Česká 66

Tell me you tossed your bikini in your backpack. Or at least

non-swimmers, this island also offers a great setting for a picnic. JAZZY ATMOSPHERE If you're looking for a nice, genuine atmosphere and some jazz, don't miss the Blue Door – $\underline{Modr\acute{y}}$

dveře. Some people might tell you to try another door for

some pleasant service. But if you decide to stay (give it a try!),

the snack stunt is local nachos. Mon–Sat 10:00–24:00, Sun

at Sokolský ostrov is a real classic. Since 1933!!! And luckily for

The residence of <u>Gallery of Contemporary Art</u> – <u>Dům</u> <u>umění</u> is very discrete. Even locals struggle to find it. The more ecent the entrance, the more artful the programme. It focuses on architecture and contemporary (young) art. Its reputation has increased lately, it's definitely worth a visit. To help you find it – on the ground floor of the same house there's a good and well-established second-hand bookshop. Tue-Sun 10:00-13:00 13:30–18:00. Náměstí Přemysla Otakara II. 38

44 LOST STONE

The erratic boulder marks the place of the former execution . Don't wanna spoil the fun by telling you the exact place where to look for the naughty stone. Try it yourself. It is hiding in the pavement not far from the fountain. If you happen to ste over it after 10 pm, you won't be able find your way home till the orning. At least this is what our mums say. Since the nightlife is not so wild here, that might be a tough one anyway. But get this,

45 SQUARE SQUARE

It is said that the Square of Přemysl Otakar II is the secd biggest real square square in the republic, but the truth is somewhere else. Try to pace its sides and let us know! BTW, not for all the cars, right? The parking company makes good And another thing – you should know that it is forbidden Samson and his fellows, be kind and bury this map deep down in your backpack and don't show it to the police, OK?

47 LOCAL VIBE

... is legendary. It even generated its own twin. You know the moment – you are leaving the bar and you realize you could easily eat your own grandma with Red Riding Hood on top. Right then, Hladový vokno pops up to save you with its burgers for a really big hunger the Velký voči (Big Eves). The mouth s often too small for the portion. 🔕 Mon–Thu 10:00–23:00 Fri–Sat 9:00–1:00, Sun 11:00–23:00, Kněžská 12 b Mon–Fri

<u>Železná panna</u> (Iron Maiden) is another remaining fortifi

cation tower, which for some time period served as a jail with a touch of torture. For 30 CZK you can check it out, but better to of the world's largest producers and distributors of art supplies, hide in the pub snuggling next to it. Pleasant garden and service, small snacks such as "chleba se sádlem" (bread with pork scratchvriting equipment and stationery. Buy your own colourful col lection here. Mon-Fri 8:30-18:00, Sat 9:00-12:00. Široká 1 ings - domestic delicacy). Check the entrance next door as well: Starý časy has more seats outside on the street and it is famous for its raspberry beer Rohozec. They offer slightly expensive 52 MEET CZECH BANDS meals and - expect the unexpected - extra house charge. But despite this, both places are equally buzzing in the sur Mon-Fri 13:00-24:00, Sat 14:00-24:00, Sun 14:00-22:00.

48 ORIGAMI PASSION Plojhar, a traditional paper company long history, lately managed to win ver a big deal of faithful customers. rick – they sell original handmade paper idgets as well as materials of rare kinds The stuff is not exactly cheap, but you can

49 MOVE YOUR HIPS Broukárna 📵 is a place where you can show your dance

Mon-Fri 9:00–18:00, Sat 9:00–12:00. Široká 14

((9)) free wi-fi spot

open also on Sunday

BIKE BY THE RIVER

SPLASH IN A DREDGER

creations. Don't be shy. Moreover, it is probably magical and waitresses have some superpowers here. Although you are stuck n the middle of the crowded dance floor, they find a way to appear next to you and take your order. Wed-Sat 21:00-4:00. K2 b for a perfect sound. Tue-Sat 21:00-3:00. Sokolský ostrov 1

50 MEETING POINT The name has changed many times, but we still use the original one and meet our dates at <u>Brouk and Babka</u>. The depart-

since 1935. Spot the tiles and find the one with the name of its producer "Západočeské kaolinky". Cute, isn't it? Široká 11 51 SOUTH-BOHEMIAN DIAMOND All you need is ... pencils! Plenty of pencils! It's not necessary to be a kid to love the colourful world of <u>KOH-I-NOOR</u>. This world-famous company with its settlement in our city is on

ment store is a functionalist jewel. The facede hasn't changed

The slightly amorphous Café klub Slavie stages dramaturgy with a good taste in Czech music and their labeled as "mainstream alternative". No clue what this could be? Check it out for yourself. Programme on their Facebook page. \\

53 PHOTO UPSTAIRS

České Budějovice

Amongst South Bohemian photographers, this is well known nook. A stable scene for professional and amateur photo exhibitions. Galerie Nahoře got its name from its former location respirium" of Metropol, the local house of culture. It is closed during the weekends. Mon–Thu 13:00–17:00, Fri 12:00–16:00.

54 @ AND PARTY JUGS Internet café during the day, club at night. Come to MC ordering "rumový (or other) džbánek" – a jug with 2 litres of interesting content. You will come across some disco, electro or rock concert - good luck! Mon-Fri 10:00-24:00, Sat-Sun

Everyone here knows Lannova Street, so called Lannovka. It used to be well-known for its authentic wildness, dirt and que tionable tap rooms. Then came the 4-year long renovation. It was well-meant. but instead of the lively boulevard, especially during weekends, the area has resembled a deserted village. If you come through, have a look at house number 3 - the eccentric, longeared house of the ČSOB bank, a crazy dream of an architect. Be cheeky and you might spot its secret: a sloping lift.

56 INDIAN SPICY

If you are already fed up with Czech cuisine, reach out for the tasty <u>Gateway of India</u>. Native Indian chef. Do you need any other description? OK, OK. It has a twin restaurant too, o business must be going pretty well and there's a reason. The hotness may be moderated, just ask. Vegetarian meals from the pretty stable menu start at 85 CZK. Mon-Sat 11:00-22:00.

57 BUS ON THE ROOF

The right city, the right address, the right place, but you still cannot find the bloody bus station? Get on the roof! If the bus can make it, so can you. And don't worry, no bus ever ended up down there in the Mercury shopping centre. Trust our engineers!

5 minutes of history

Vitava – was the place King Přemysl Otakar III fell for and chose for a brand new smug city. We say it was built "on the green meadow" although it was more likely a smelly swamp. Trace the rectangular city streets and pay heed to

ALL MUSIC WELCOMED

Middle Ages – 18th century: A period of defense against neighboring Rožumberks and later Hussites (Czech warlike reformists), times of growing rich and collecting privileges and later also the era of education by Piarists - the oldest Catholic educational order. Interesting

1828: A small scoop: the first horse-drawn tramway in continental Europe came into operation right here. České Budějovice was linked to Linz, Austria.

fact - about 2/3 of the city spoke German as their mothe

1848: Carl Hardtmuth and his company moved here from Vienna. KOH-I-NOOR pencils have been world

1895: Český akciový pivovar, later known as Budějovický Budvar brewery, was established. You are welcome!

WWII: During occupation it took the name of the beast: Square of Adolf Hitler

DEMONSTRATED BY CHANGES IN THE

NAME OF OUR GREAT SOUARE:

5 minutes walk

chill

beer box

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 \boxtimes

cash machine

After WWII: Back to Masaryk Square During the communism era: Žižka square – named after the leader of the Hussites who were admired by the

After the Velvet Revolution in 1989: We returned back to our roots and renamed the square after its founder: Přemysl Otakar II. The circle has closed.

1991: The University of South Bohemia was established.

Students are gradually changing the city vibe. 2002: The city was flooded and city transport collapsed.

in the stream as they ran off the brewery 2013: By January 2013, the Czech Budweiser Budvar won 89 of the 124 dealt cases with the American Budweiser in

No kidding! While building the new IGY centrum, no space remained and they had to build a hydrant in the

USE-IT maps are not commercial, nobody pays to be on the map, it is only young locals who make the selection.

How to get here from Prague

		České Budějovice	\rightarrow	Český Krumlov	
	Bus	165 CZK 2 h 15 min	32 CZK 30 min	189 CZK 3 h	Book it in advance on www.studentagency.eu or on flixbus.cz
異	Train	169 CZK 2 h 20 min	52 CZK 40 min	195 CZK 2 h 50 direct or 3 h 40 min change in ČB	Going in a group? Ask for " Skupinová jízdenka " – group discount.

Practical i Dictionary

1 euro is approximately 25 CZK (= Kč = Czech crowns). Be careful when buying CZK in exchange offices – sometimes they have weird extra charges or unfair rates. Perhaps the safest way to get money is from an ATM; then it's only your own bank that robs you.

Most museums are closed on Mondays and most the icon "Open on Sunday" - during the weekend, as the Czech's say, a dog has died in the centre of town

Most restaurants usually <mark>don't serve warm meals after</mark> **21:00**. If you're hungry after this hour you're better off grabbing some fast food.

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zberchej se [zberk-hey se zelňák [zelnyac] (our tasty typical pastr

USE-IT Prague centre (i)

Relax like a local Hluboká mad Vltavouv

64 GOT 99 PROBLEMS

BUT THE FOOD AIN'T ONE Restaurant $\underline{99}$ is one of the places where locals go to have a decent meal. They have a nice terrace, nice staff and very nice food. Either go there during lunch time for the daily menu or in the evening for dinner and some drinks. The interior is well thought through and the atmosphere is relaxing. I would definitely recommend having the Jazz Burger for about 150 CZK, it really doesn't get any better. Mon-Sat 11:00-01:00,

65 TRADITIONAL SOUVENIR

60 CINEMA - CAFÉ
The first cinema in Če

The first cinema in Český Krumlov opened in 1911, but it

FabriČKa is a lively music club in the former Jitona factory

Go for the coolest punk and rock concerts. It's definitely worth

it despite the distance from the center (1 km). This is the place

where we go party! How to get there? Go along the river, up to

the roundabout, straight across it and the first street on the left around the functionalist villa is the entrance to the factory com

Legendary (properly dirty) student pub <u>U Dušků</u>. ne-made grilled pork neck or Vienna sausages.

63 BREAKFAST OR SNACK TIME? 🔳 🖀 🕪

Go to Deli 99. They are famous for

their amazing sandwiches and the fabulous

loco-cherry cake. It ain't easy to choose

Sandwiches for about 85 CZK and fresh

salads for 139 CZK. To entertain visitors,

Mon-Fri 07:00-19:00, Sat 08:00-19:00,

the café shows exhibitions of traveller photographs from all around the world.

Sun 08:00-17:00. Latrán 106

vasn't until 1976 that the current local cinema <u>Luna</u> (originall

'Družba") was established. If you find yourself at the edge of

he map, look right and you will spot it. The current program

can easily compete with any modern cinema complex, but the ambience is cozier and friendlier. There is also a newly opened

61 BROWNFIELD FOR YOUNGSTERS

62 THE CLASSIC CZECH

Mon-Sun 12:00-24:00. Latrán 147

If you want a traditional souvenir from South Bohemia ceramics. Pots, milk-pans, cups, jugs, kettles, bowls you name it. Most families have a big set displayed in a special cupboard, but the only time they take it out is to polish it. Young locals are not really interested in making their own collections but it could be a nice retro gift for your mum or grandma.

Local products are from "Jihotvar" or private workshops from Krumlov's neighbourhood. All in <u>Domus Ceramics</u>. Mon–Fri 10:00–17:00. *Latrán* 68

66 TEA-ROOM Dobrá čajovna is a true oasis of calm in this hectic city. it on the little chairs and smoke a hookah for as long as you want. If you are not an experienced tea drinker, ask the waiters o choose from a wide range of teas for you. In the summe sit on the beautiful outside terrace and enjoy the fresh and peace ful atmosphere under the chestnut trees. There is also a tea store. Mon–Sun 16:00–22:00. *Latrán 54*

67 NEED TO CURE A MISERY?

Apotheka is a cocktail bar styled in the way of an old pharave a traditional cup of "horká medovina" (hot mead) absinthe (it's legal here, buddy!) or a margarita and let the healng begin. Sun-Fri 15:00-01:00, Sat 12:00-01:00. Latrán 46

68 HIDDEN AND RAMSHACKLE <u>Minoritský klášter,</u> part of the three-monastery complex was built in the 14th century. What may surprise you is its distinctive baroque vibe - like the majority of buildings in Krumlov it was reconstructed in the 17th and 18th centuries. Not long ago, the monastery was a godforsaken place, despite being so ose to the main boulevard "Latrán". The communists tried t stroy it and time did the rest. Now newly reconstructed with

peautiful surrounding gardens. Join in the workshops held here Mon–Fri 11:00–18:00. *Latrán 50* ((9)) free wi-fi spot

🛪 summer terrace open also on Sunday

but was since reconstructed three times during the renaissance nd the baroque era (are you beginning to see the Krumlov archi tectural pattern here?). The biggest gems are The Mascarade Hall, filled with paintings of people in masks, and the golden carriage (takeaway cappuccino 49 CZK). Mon–Fri 10:00–21:00, Sat–Sun 13:00–21:00. Špičák 134 built for transporting gifts to pope Urban the Seventh. There are also a lot of spooky stories locals tell their kids about the Castle and some of them are true - for example, if you stand under the castle at the Cloak Bridge and look up, you'll see a bricked up window. Don Julius, the bastard son of Rudolf the Second, used to live in the castle and fell in love with a local common girl and persuaded her father to let her live in the castle with him. The nship wasn't going very well, and when Don Julius Caesar was having a particularly bad day, he stabbed and beat his loved one and threw her out of the window, but she survived. He ersuaded her parents again to let her live with him and she did. But he stabbed her and beat her and threw her out of the window plex. FabriČKa is at the end of the street, on the left side. Fri-Sat again - she did not survive again. He was then imprisoned in the castle, bricked up in the room and died there. People who work at the castle say you can still hear him screaming to this day. Book a tour and ask for more stories about the castle - some of them

The second biggest castle complex in the Czech Republic,

he <u>Český Krumlov Častle</u> was built way back in the 13th century

69 ALMOST THE BIGGEST

70 DANGEROUS BRIDGE

On the western side of the Upper Castle, thanks to ts monumental arcade structure, is one of the most visible symbols of the area. It derives its name from the north rtification called <u>Plášťový most</u> ("The Cloak Bridge") The bridge connects the castle with the Baroque theatre and the castle gardens. Legend has it that it was built by a very vein empress who wanted to have access to the theatre and garden without having to walk on the ground as the Krumlov plebs. Admire the statues of St. Václav, St. Jan Nepomucký and other saints on the railing, but also a beautiful view of the whole city. Just be careful if you are walking under it – it is Crumlov's most popular location for suicide jumps

aren't so spooky. 1.4.-31.10. Tue-Sun 9:00-16:00.

HEATRE IN THE GARDENS

711 DRAMATIC REALITY SHOW

One of the most popular activities here is to spend your time laughing at how people manage rafting on the water and passing the <u>last dam in Krumlov</u>. The fun part is watching then not make it and what Czechs call "doing themselves" - literally alling in the water and getting all wet.

72 LPS, LPS EVERYWHERE! Disc Classic is the right place for all vinyl lovers. Jazz, ethno music or even some of the oldest gothic instrumental nusic. Wide selection for good price. Simply a music paradise Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00. Latrán 2

73 EMBANKMENT

The river bank is one of the few green chill-out zones in the center of Český Krumlov. You can bring some lunch, snacks or beer with you, walk around the curves of the river sit on the bank and watch the paddlers or feed the ducks.

74 PARTY PLACE A mess? A circus? Wild? How else could we describe the evenings at the <u>City Lounge</u> music club? This is where the people of Krumlov go to dance and party till morning. Cool design interior, crazy lighting and a really long bar. Wed, Thu, Sun 19:00–01:00, Fri, Sat 19:00–04:00. *Hradební 8*

75 EGON SCHIELE

The Art Centre represents the life and works of Egon chiele – an Austrian artist enchanted by Český Krumlov ir he beginning of the 20th century. Recently the gallery's facado vas (despite the criticisms of restorers) decorated by a collage wing nine hunters made out of newspaper cut outs done by the Krumlov vigilante art group UKG. Inside, you can see all sorts of classic and contemporary art exhibitions - there are new ones every year. All year round, you can see Egon Schiele's ous nudes as well as his scenic paintings of Krumlov. Part of the centre is also an art shop. 180 CZK/ 90 CZK for students.

76 TO BE OR NOT TO BE CHIC? ust visit Sulamit! A little corner boutique divided into parts. There is a small shop run by local young designers n the front – an infinite amount of necklaces, earrings, pins nd pendants, and original stylish clothes; and a superior econd-hand shop with premium pieces in the back. Tue-Sat 10:00–17:00, Sun–Mon 13:00–17:00. Široká 78

777 A STOLEN GALLERY

<u>Ukradená galerie</u> is an experimental street-art project with the purpose of getting people interested in art by putting in public spaces. That's why the artists from Krumlov (know as UKG) started to show their works in abandoned display rindows. The artists and the audience meet each other at the openings and install new exhibitions. You can find many on the walls of the street and also in a small display window, where you can get a taste of the current exhibition. Hradební

78 ADS EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK Advertising doesn't necessarily have to be annoying he best about restaurant Na Louži: the old publicity posters is a place where locals go to savour typical Czech meals. The local specialty is goulash - not just some ordinary one out 7 kinds – Viennese, beer based, Petr Vok's, hunting, deer, boar or Szeged, Readymade meals cost 90 CZK and one Eggenberg 12° beer 29 CZK. Mon–Sat 10:00–23:00. Kájovská 6

83 PIZZA? NO, PICKA! 🖺 🕏 <u>Krumlovská picka</u> is a wooden fast ood kiosk with a wood-fire oven. Get a pizza to go or order a fresh baguette of your choice - dark or light, filled with whatever. This is the Krumlov locals' wourite place and the atmosphere is very friendly. Grab a beer with us, sit on the terrace, play a game or party til the morning... Open irregularly during the summer - according to the weathe or how long the party was vesterday.

PADDLER' SLUM

5 minutes walk

84) WINE TO TAKE AWAY Nothing beats the combination of wine and music. At the wine cellar <u>U Šmejkala</u>, you will find good wine as well as CDs or Czech LPs. Local tip: buy a PET bottle of wine to take away and enjoy the view of the lit-up castle and the river from the island. Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00. Masná 131

85 OLD CZECH DELICACIES In the old Czech tavern <u>U Dwau Maryí</u>, you eat what people used to eat back in the 12th century, during the time the city was created. Poor medieval Czechs used to eat things like mushroom "kuba", buckwheat porridge, peeled barley, cabbage ive nowadays (probably thanks to the inflation) - around 135 CZK. A shaded garden at the river and the extraordinary aste of these once ordinary meals are absolutely worth it. Mon Sun 11:00–22:00. Parkán 104

86 VEGE WANDERLUST <u>Laibon</u> is a vegetarian paradise, where even the meat eaters won't know what to order first. What about going to India for soup, eat an Arabic hummus appetizer, hop on to Mexico for some quesadillas and finish off with the Indian dessert khír? After lunch, you can chill out with some aromatic Japanese or Chinese tea. The prices are a bit higher - main dishes about 150 CZK but hey also have a "cheap menu" (around 100 CZK). Mon-Sun

87 DONDÉ ESTÁ EL PUB? If you like playing a bit of table football, pool or darts, swing by <u>Little Mexico</u>. Have a shot of something strong, preferably Stroh or Absinth and if you get hungry, order nachos – they come is that they don't have draught beer, but you can enjoy your drink on a big terrace with a view of the castle! Opening hours

88 CAFÉ'S MASTERPIECE Nice and cosy café Antré at the town theatre. Play a board game or taste some of the great local wines and the evening will run by faster than you'd wish. During the long summer days

chateau, Mon-Sun 12:00-22:00, Horní 2

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from the early 20th century and attend a concert, exhibition or have a coffee at the same time, don't forget to visit the <u>local</u> synagogue. This newly reconstructed art nouveau architecture pearl offers not only the view from a dominant octagonal tower, but also a permanent exposition mapping Krumlov's Jews, a and concerts are held here regularly and a nice café is open in he basement (the former home of the rabbi) from May till Dec Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00. Za Soudem 282

ke peace with the crowds. Krumlov

understand that we actually live here, work here and are just actors in a medieval play. Don't stand in the middle of some booze, go somewhere where it's safe to light a fire and just have a nice evening. The best spots are on Křížák the street, be aware of what's happening around you

Dress up! Even though it's warm and you're on the river, as long as you stand on the shore, you're in the city. And there is nothing more horrible than potbellied men Drink beer. Easy as that. Krumlov has its own brewer called **Eggenberg** (which is continuously in trouble), but we are not picky and we drink other beers as well.

<mark>c</mark>k, but it's nice to see you try anyway. It's

Look, if the prices in the city centre seem a bit out-of-thexpected-range to you – it is no delusion, just an effect of "Ahoooj" – a typical paddlers' greeting you hear d by the river in Krumlov all summer long. We locals the sheer quantity of tourists. Advice? Get on a bike or ignore it but we get that seeing hordes of canoes ha certain atmosphere for people from the outside. The use your feet, take a trip out of town. We do it too! We go out of town even for a romantic date.

History

meadow") was given to the city centuries ago describing

crowded. As locals, we try to be polite to touris

dressed in only wet shorts or even worse - in speedo

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Krumlov

1250: The castle and later the city were built thanks the Witigonen dynasty (Vítkovci).

1302: The castle as well as the coat of arms, the Fivepetalled rose, came into ownership of the Rosenberg dynasty (Rožmberci). The Celebrations of the Fivepetalled Rose, hated by inhabitants and loved by to are being held in Krumlov each year since 1990

1622: Krumlov was given to the Austrian Eggenberg dynasty – yeah, as you probably guessed, that's the origin of our local beer's name

1767: Graphite mining started: If you're you can visit the Český Krumlov graphite mines! They dress you up in special overalls, equip you with an authentic mining lamp and take you underground where you will experience that it was like to be a graphite miner (160/100 CZK) May-Sep 9:00-15:00. Chvalšinská 243 in direction to

"Horní Planá". 1992: Český Krumlov became a part of the UNESCO orld Heritage. Imagine living in a museum or reservation. You want to repair your house? Too bad, it's also part of the World Heritage Site. We try not to complain too much about these things – most of us locals have jobs thanks to tourism and city life, but please don't act like we're part of the Krumlov exhibition.

Learn more in the **Regional museum** where you find the permanent exposition focused on the town's history (120/100 CZK). Daily 9:00–18:00. Horní 152

being dragged behind the boat. All of this together forms a popular Czech activity called "vodáctví". There is no good word for it in English, since "GOING RAFTING" ring down the river very slowly on anything that floats vith a beverage of your liking – and lots of it. You have to try it. The most popular route is the one from Vyšší Brod to Boršov (5 days), you could continue up to Hluboká as BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

CLIMB UP THE HILL

Klet' mountain is the place of the highest located atory and the oldest stone view tower in the Czech Republic. Take a train to Holubov and take a short walk to the village Krásetín. Refresh yourself in "U Kuchařů" - great food, unexpectedly decent concerts and general neness. And then choose your path for the climb up. By foot (1,5 hour) or, if you're lazy, take cableway from Krásetín up to the peak (up: 100/40 CZK, down: 60/50 CZK). For the way down to Český Krumlov

CZECH SEA

Spend a day just chilling in the water. You can get there by bus or by bike through Kájov. you can buy freshly caught trout - they'll even prepare it right in front of you!



Hluboká is accessible by bike from Budějovice but be careful - the bike path along the river is a real highway during the summer. If you're going from Český Krumlov, take the bike route from Srnín through Zlatá Koruna (which is also worth a visit) and through České Budějovice. When you arrive at Hluboká, you will find a bit of extra time left, there's all sorts of stuff to do in Hluboká - visit their zoo or outdoor swimming pool

ROMANTIC WALK

The ruin of **Dívčí Kámen** situated on a rock above the Vltava river is a tempting romantic spot. Accessible from the train stop Holubov. Or make a stop here while canoeing. Recommended for bathing in the river.

Czech landscapes are full of hundreds of kilo traced and marked tourist paths. It is our speciality, so expect a very low chance of getting lost. Look for three stripes along your way and for arrows with marked directions and distances in kilometres.

Discover the ever popular Czech hobby: poisonous and which are delicious. Let him/her cook mushroom soup or fried mushrooms for you, you'll never forget it. In a good way!

KITSCHY CASTLE

The Nature Reserve of Vrbenské Jezero (lake) is a special and beautiful place, especially for bird and butterfly lovers. It is walking distance from Máj (the nous huge panel block of buildings neighborhood),

TAKE A WALK IN NATURE!

MUSHROOM PICKING! Persuade a local to join

Nirvana is a newly opened Indian resa bit hidden - look for the sign "Bílá Paní" and then go through to the very back of the building and down to the catacomb-like interior of the restaurant. The food is worth this challenge. They ship their spices all the way from India and process nem by themselves right before cooking, so that they don't lose any of their strength. Meals around 150 - 250

Traveller's hostel is a place to have a good Czech meal on he beautiful terrace. Prices vary between 120 and 170 CZK. Tr the Czech classics, Svíčková, Guláš or Vepřo Knedlo Zelo. Not ingry? Have a cider or beer Kozel and play a little table foosball. Mon-Sun 10:00–24:00. Soukenická 43

1 78 81 THE BREAKFAST CLUB If you're hungry after a long night of partying or just don't feel like slaving away in the kitchen in the morning, head over to Vlašský Dvůr, or Vlašák, as the locals call it. They have decent coffee and a breakfast menu, get some scrambled eggs or a panin for around 100 CZK, Nespresso coffee for about 50 CZK and fresh juice for about 80 CZK. Sit on their terrace and feel like a breakfast king, Mon-Sun 09:00-18:00, Dlouhá 32

82 GIPSY FEASTS

hostel hostel

view point

romantic walk

grocery store

shopping centre

pharmacy, hospital

79 THE WILD, WILD EAST 🖺

post office

atm cash machine

5. sport

Cikánská jizba is the home tavern of Krumlov's gipsy band "Cindži renta". And well, the gipsy temperament and an overcrowded little pub is a perfectly energetic combination. As the gipsy saying goes: "Sing so the devils stay away" - and the jizba is singing and playing live music every Friday and Saturday Mon-Sat 13:00-23:00. Dlouhá 31

Krumlov is alive! You should pick up the cultural agenda called KUK to keep up with local oncerts, theatre and club program. It is issued nthly and you will get it at the infocentre.

89 CALL IT BABEEEK

Babylon is a old-timey tayern, the perfect place to grab ne local beer Eggenberg or a dewy Pilsner 12° and eat a class Czech meal, because they cook really well. Babylon isn't just a restaurant but also a harbour of Krumlov's artists. In the summe the best idea is to sit right by the river! Mon-Sun 11:00-24:00

BUS STATION



Český Krumlov

In the rock bar Gorila pub, legends like Sex Pistols, Beatles, Rolling Stones and Kurt Cobain are always watching you. Participate in the typical fight for songs om the Jukebox or play some pool.

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91 SEIDEL PHOTO STUDIO Seidel photo studio is a place where you can get your photo taken wearing historical costumes, admire the story of how phoography began, and discover more about the people who made it happen on the Czech-German-Austrian borders around the end of the 19th and first half of the 20th century. The original art nouveau building is renovated beautifully. 100 CZK/70 CZK for students. Mon–Sun 9:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00. Linecká 272

92 NOT ONLY A SYNAGOGUE If you want to experience a bit of Krumlov's architecture

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